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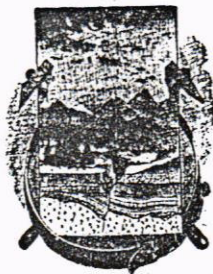
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In all sections of the country permanent gaging stations are maintained for general statistical purposes, to show the conditions existing through long periods. They are also used as primary stations, and their records, in connection with short series of measurements, serve as bases for estimating the flow at other points in the drainage basin.

During the calendar year 1905 the division of hydrography has continued measuring the flow of streams on the same general lines as in previous years. Many new and improved methods have been introduced, by which the accuracy and value of the results have been increased. Approximately 800 regular gaging stations were maintained during the year, and an exceptionally large number of miscellaneous measurements and special investigations were made. The "Report of Progress of Stream Measurements," which contains the results of this work, is published in a series of fourteen Water-Supply and Irrigation Papers, Nos. 165 to 178, as follows:

- No. 165. Atlantic coast of New England drainage.
- No. 166. Hudson, Passaic, Raritan, and Delaware river drainages.
- No. 167. Susquehanna, Gunpowder, Patuxent, Potomac, James, Roanoke, and Yadkin river drainages.
- No. 168. Santee, Savannah, Ogeechee, and Altamaha rivers and eastern Gulf of Mexico drainages.
- No. 169. Ohio and lower eastern Mississippi river drainages.
- No. 170. Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River drainages.
- No. 171. Hudson Bay, and upper eastern and western Mississippi River drainages.
- No. 172. Missouri River drainage.
- No. 173. Meramec, Arkansas, Red, and lower western Mississippi river drainages.
- No. 174. Western Gulf of Mexico and Rio Grande drainages.
- No. 175. Colorado River drainage.
- No. 176. The Great Basin drainage.
- No. 177. The Great Basin and Pacific Ocean drainages in California.
- No. 178. Columbia River and Puget Sound drainages.

These papers embody the data collected at the regular gaging stations, the results of the computations based on the observations, and such other information as may have a direct bearing on the study of the subject, and include, as far as practicable, descriptions of the basins and the streams draining them.

For the purpose of introducing uniformity into the reports for the various years the drainages of the United States have been divided into eleven grand divisions, which have been again divided into secondary divisions, as shown in the following list. The Progress Report has been made to conform to this arrangement, each part containing the data for one or more of the secondary divisions. The secondary divisions have in most cases been redivided, and the facts have been arranged, as far as practicable, geographically.

#### *Drainage basins in the United States.*

##### NORTHERN ATLANTIC DRAINAGE BASINS.

St. John.  
St. Croix.  
Penobscot.  
Kennebec.  
Androscoggin.  
Presumpscot.  
Saco.  
Merrimac.  
Connecticut.  
Blackstone.

Thames.  
Housatonic.  
Hudson.  
Passaic.  
Raritan.  
Delaware.  
Susquehanna.  
Potomac.  
Minor Chesapeake Bay.  
Minor northern Atlantic.

##### SOUTHERN ATLANTIC DRAINAGE BASINS.

James.  
Chowan.  
Roanoke.  
Tar.  
Neuse.  
Cape Fear.

Great Pedee (Yadkin).  
Santee.  
Savannah.  
Ogeechee.  
Altamaha.  
Minor Southern Atlantic.





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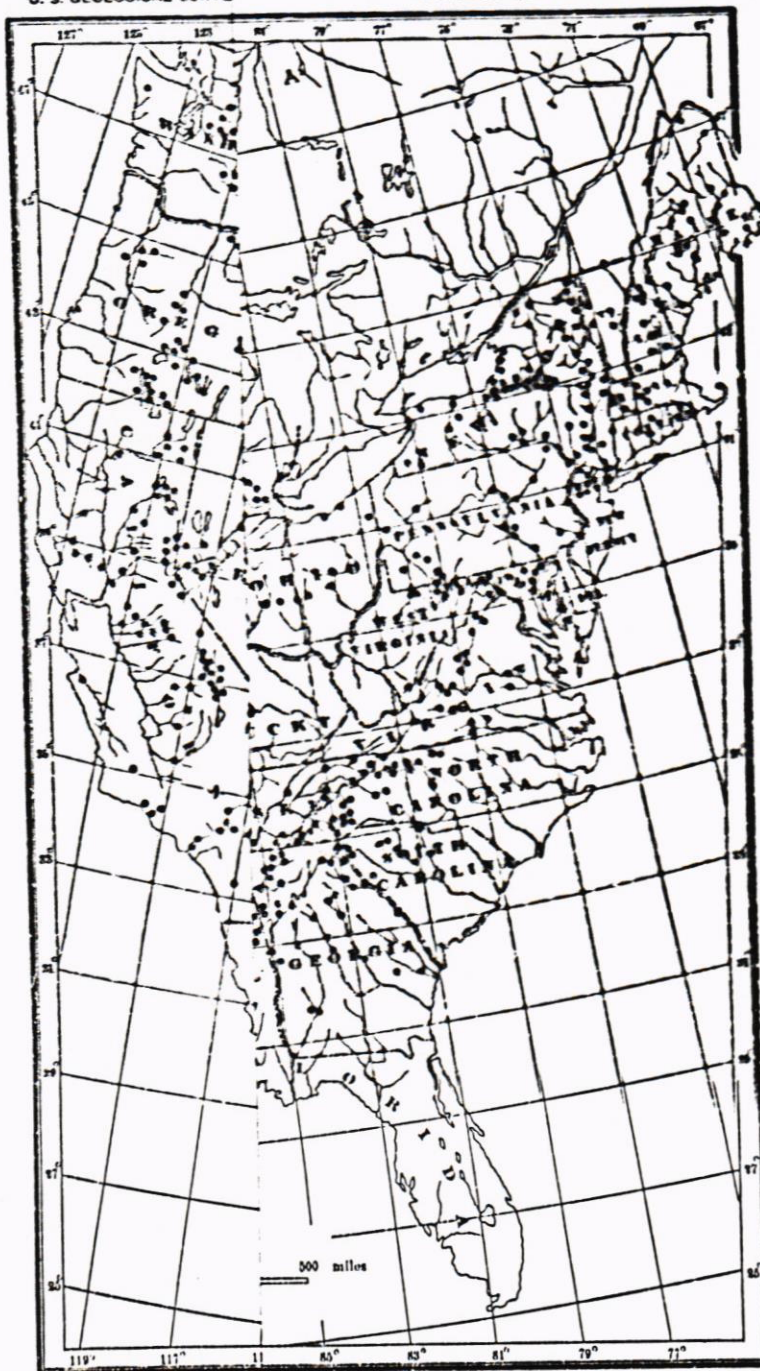
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This is a detailed geological map of the central United States, showing state boundaries, major rivers, and numerous black dots representing geological survey locations. The map includes a latitude and longitude grid and a scale bar at the bottom right.

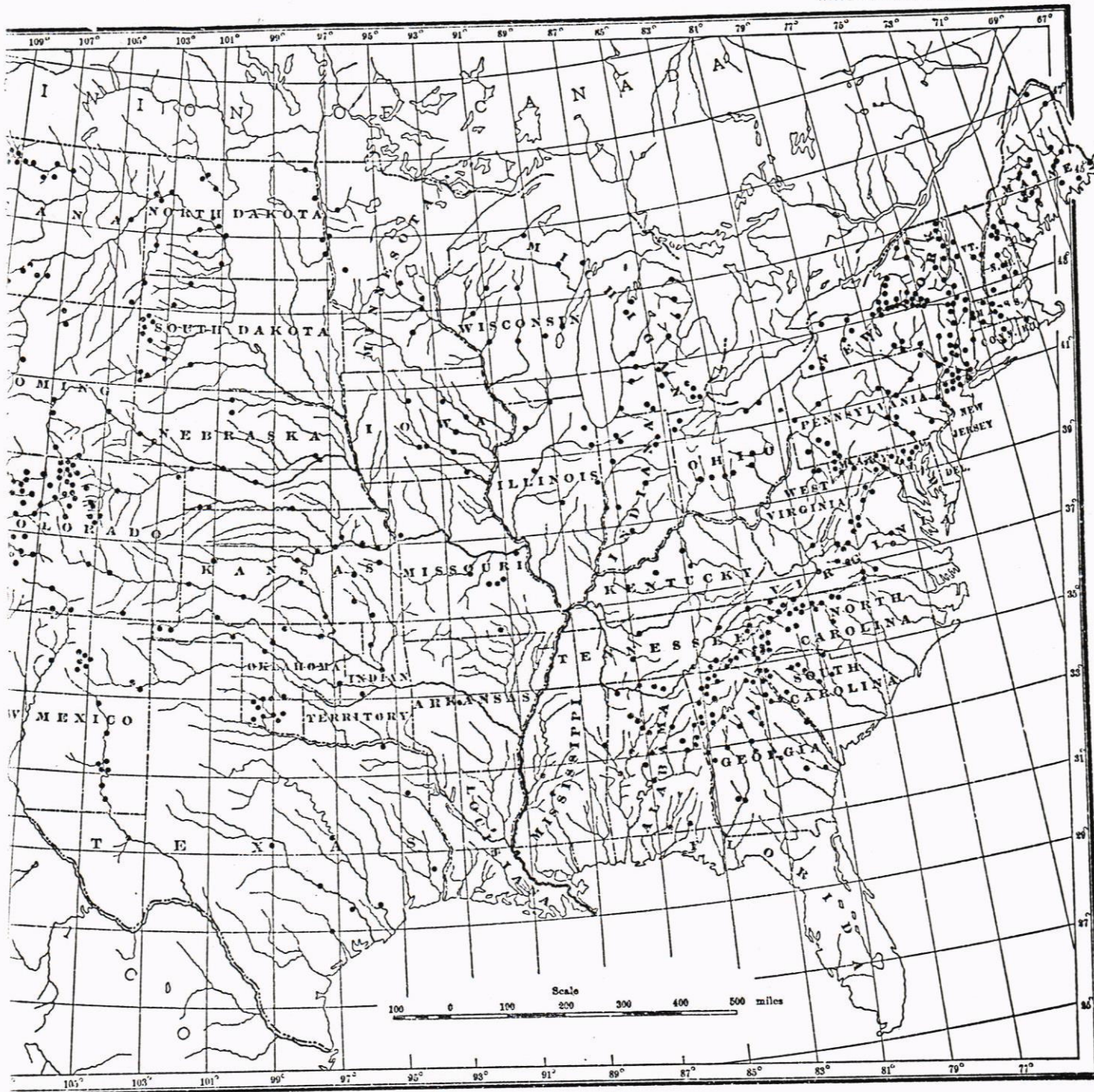
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UNITED STATES, SHOWING LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL RIVER STATIONS MAINTAINED DURING 1905.



## DEFINITIONS.

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### EASTERN GULF OF MEXICO DRAINAGE BASINS.

Suwanee.  
Apalachicola.  
Mobile.

Pearl.  
Minor eastern Gulf of Mexico.

### EASTERN MISSISSIPPI RIVER DRAINAGE BASINS.

Lower eastern Mississipp.  
Ohio.

Upper eastern Mississipp.

### ST. LAWRENCE RIVER DRAINAGE BASINS.

Lake Superior.  
Lake Michigan.  
Lake Huron.  
Lake St. Clair.  
Lake Erie.

Niagara River.  
Lake Ontario.  
Lake Champlain (Richelieu River).  
Minor St. Lawrence.

### WESTERN MISSISSIPPI RIVER DRAINAGE BASINS.

Upper western Mississipp.  
Missouri.  
Meramec.

Lower western Mississipp.  
Arkansas.  
Red.

### WESTERN GULF OF MEXICO DRAINAGE BASINS.

Sabine.  
Neches.  
Trinity.  
Brazos.  
Colorado (of Texas).

Guadalupe.  
San Antonio.  
Nueces.  
Rio Grande.  
Minor western Gulf of Mexico.

### COLORADO RIVER DRAINAGE BASIN.

#### THE GREAT BASIN.

Wasatch Mountains.  
Humboldt.

Sierra Nevada.  
Minor streams in Great Basin.

### PACIFIC COAST DRAINAGE BASINS.

Southern Pacific.  
San Francisco Bay.  
Northern Pacific.

Columbia.  
Puget Sound.

### HUDSON BAY DRAINAGE BASINS.

## DEFINITIONS.

The volume of water flowing in a stream—the "run-off" or "discharge"—is expressed in various terms, each of which has become associated with a certain class of work. These terms may be divided into two groups—(1) those which represent the rate of flow, as second-foot, gallons per minute, miner's inch, and run-off in second-foot per square mile; and (2) those which represent the actual quantity of water, as run-off in depth in inches and acre-feet. They may be defined as follows:

"Second-foot" is an abbreviation for cubic foot per second, and is the rate of discharge of water flowing in a stream 1 foot wide, 1 foot deep, at a rate of 1 foot per second. It is generally used as a fundamental unit from which others are computed.

"Gallons per minute" is generally used in connection with pumping and city water supply.

The "miner's inch" is the rate of discharge of water passing through an orifice 1 inch square under a head which varies locally. It has been commonly used by miners and irrigators throughout the West, and is defined by statute in each State in which it is used. In most States the California miner's inch is used, which is the fiftieth part of a second-foot.

"Second-foot per square mile" is the average number of cubic feet of water flowing per second from each square mile of area drained, on the assumption that the run-off is distributed uniformly both as regards time and area.



"Run-off in inches" is the depth to which the drainage area would be covered if all the water flowing from it in a given period were conserved and uniformly distributed on the surface. It is used for comparing run-off with rainfall, which is usually expressed in depth in inches.

"Acre-foot" is equivalent to 43,560 cubic feet, and is the quantity required to cover an acre to the depth of 1 foot. It is commonly used in connection with storage for irrigation work. There is a convenient relation between the second-foot and the acre-foot. One second-foot flowing for twenty-four hours will deliver 86,400 cubic feet, or approximately 2 acre-feet.

#### EXPLANATION OF TABLES.

For each regular gaging station are given, as far as available, the following data:

1. Description of station.
2. List of discharge measurements.
3. Gage-height table.
4. Rating table.
5. Table of estimated monthly and yearly discharges and run-off, based on all the facts obtained to date.

The descriptions of stations give such general information about the locality and equipment as would enable the reader to find and use the station. They also give, as far as possible, a complete history of all the changes since the establishment of the station that would be factors in using the data collected.

The discharge-measurement table gives the results of the discharge measurements made during the year, including the date, the name of the hydrographer, the gage height, the area of cross section, the mean velocity, and the discharge in second-feet.

The table of daily gage heights gives the daily fluctuations of the surface of the river as found from the mean of the gage readings taken each day. The gage height given in the table represents the elevation of the surface of the water above the zero of the gage. At most stations the gage is read in the morning and in the evening.

The rating table gives discharges in second-feet corresponding to each stage of the river as given by the gage heights.

In the table of estimated monthly discharge the column headed "Maximum" gives the mean flow for the day when the mean gage height was highest; this is the flow as given in the rating table for that mean gage height. As the gage height is the mean for the day, there might have been short periods when the water was higher and the corresponding discharge larger than that given in this column. Likewise, in the column of "Minimum" the quantity given is the mean flow for the day when the mean gage height was lowest. The column headed "Mean" is the average flow for each second during the month. On this are based computations for the three remaining columns, which are defined above.

In the computations for the tables of this report the following general and special rules have been used:

#### Fundamental rules for computation.

1. The highest degree of precision consistent with the rational use of time and money is imperative.
2. All items of computation should be expressed by at least two, and not more than four, significant figures.
3. Any measurement in a vertical velocity, mean velocity, or discharge curve whose per cent of error is five times the average per cent of error of all the other measurements should be rejected.
4. In reducing the number of significant figures, or the number of decimal places, by dropping the last figure, the following rules apply:
  - (a) When the figure in the place to be rejected is less than 5, drop it without changing the preceding figure. Example: 1,827.4 becomes 1,827.
  - (b) When the figure in the place to be rejected is greater than 5, drop it and increase the preceding figure by 1. Example: 1,827.6 becomes 1,828.
  - (c) When the figure in the place to be rejected is 5 and it is preceded by an even figure, drop the 5. Example: 1,828.5 becomes 1,828.
  - (d) When the figure in the place to be rejected is 5 and it is preceded by an odd figure, drop the 5 and increase the preceding figure by 1. Example: 1,827.5 becomes 1,828.

1. Rating tables are to be constructed so that
2. No decimals are to be used when
3. Daily discharges shall be expressed in second-feet. Between 100 and 10,000 second-feet this also applies to the yearly mean discharge.
4. Second-feet per square mile should be expressed at least three significant figures, rounded by one or more naughts (0). Example: 1.25, 0.125, 0.012, 0.0012, three significant figures and at least

- 1 second-foot equals 50 California miner's inches
- 1 second-foot equals 38.4 Colorado miner's inches
- 1 second-foot equals 40 Arizona miner's inches
- 1 second-foot equals 7.48 United States gallons for one day.
- 1 second-foot equals 6.23 British Imperial gallons for one day
- 1 second-foot for one year covers about 1 acre
- 1 second-foot falling 10 feet equals 100 California miner's inches
- 100 California miner's inches equals 100 California miner's inches
- 100 California miner's inches equals 100 Colorado miner's inches
- 100 Colorado miner's inches equals 100 Colorado miner's inches
- 100 Colorado miner's inches equals 100 United States gallons per 1,000,000 United States gallons
- 1,000,000 United States gallons equals 1,000,000 cubic feet equal 22.98 acre-feet
- 1 acre-foot equals 325,850 gallons
- 1 inch deep on 1 square mile equals 1 inch deep on 1 square mile
- 1 inch equals 2.54 centimeters
- 1 foot equals 0.3048 meter.
- 1 yard equals 0.9144 meter.
- 1 mile equals 1.60935 kilometers
- 1 mile equals 1,760 yards; equals 1,609.34 meters
- 1 square yard equals 0.836 square meter
- 1 acre equals 0.4047 hectare.
- 1 acre equals 43,560 square feet
- 1 acre equals 209 feet square
- 1 square mile equals 259 hectares
- 1 square mile equals 2.59 square kilometers
- 1 cubic foot equals 0.0283 cubic meter
- 1 cubic foot equals 7.48 gallons
- 1 cubic foot of water weighs 62.4 pounds
- 1 cubic yard equals 0.7646 cubic meter
- 1 cubic mile equals 147,196,000 cubic meters
- 1 cubic mile equals 4,047,000,000 liters
- 1 gallon equals 3.785 liters
- 1 gallon equals 8.33 pounds
- 1 gallon equals 231 cubic inches
- 1 pound equals 0.4536 kilograms
- 1 avoirdupois pound equals 1 troy pound equals 3.703 grams
- 1 meter equals 39.37 inches
- 1 meter equals 3.28083 feet
- 1 meter equals 1.09361 yards
- 1 kilometer equals 0.621371 miles



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*Special rules for computation.*

1. Rating tables are to be constructed as closely as the data on which they are based will warrant. No decimals are to be used when the discharge is over 50 second-feet.
2. Daily discharges shall be applied directly to the gage heights as they are tabulated.
3. Monthly means are to be carried out to one decimal place when the quantiles are below 100 second-feet. Between 100 and 10,000 second-feet the last figure in the monthly mean shall be a significant figure. This also applies to the yearly mean.
4. Second-feet per square mile and depth in inches for the individual months shall be carried out to at least three significant figures, except in the case of decimals where the first significant figure is preceded by one or more noughts (0), when the quantity shall be carried out to two significant figures. Example: 1.25, 0.125, 0.012, 0.0012. The yearly means for these quantiles are always to be expressed in three significant figures and at least two decimal places.

### CONVENIENT EQUIVALENTS.

- 1 second-foot equals 50 California miner's inches.  
 1 second-foot equals 38.4 Colorado miner's inches.  
 1 second-foot equals 40 Arizona miner's inches.  
 1 second-foot equals 7.48 United States gallons per second; equals 448.8 gallons per minute; equals 66,272 gallons for one day.  
 1 second-foot equals 6.23 British Imperial gallons per second.  
 1 second-foot for one year covers 1 square mile 1,131 feet deep; 13,572 inches deep.  
 1 second-foot for one year equals 0.00014 cubic mile; equals 31,536,000 cubic feet.  
 1 second-foot equals about 1 acre-inch per hour.  
 1 second-foot falling 10 feet equals 1,136 horsepower.  
 100 California miner's inches equal 15 United States gallons per second.  
 100 California miner's inches equal 77 Colorado miner's inches.  
 100 California miner's inches for one day equals 4 acre-feet.  
 100 Colorado miner's inches equal 2.00 second-foot.  
 100 Colorado miner's inches equal 10.5 United States gallons per second.  
 100 Colorado miner's inches equal 130 California miner's inches.  
 100 Colorado miner's inches for one day equal 5.2 acre-feet.  
 100 United States gallons per minute equal .223 second-foot.  
 100 United States gallons per minute for one day equal 0.44 acre-foot.  
 1,000,000 United States gallons per day equal 1.55 second-foot.  
 1,000,000 United States gallons equal 3.07 acre-foot.  
 1,000,000 cubic feet equal 22.95 acre-foot.  
 1 acre-foot equals 325,850 gallons.  
 1 inch deep on 1 square mile equals 2,572,380 cubic feet.  
 1 inch deep on 1 square mile equals 0.0727 second-foot per year.  
 1 inch equals 2.54 centimeters.  
 1 foot equals 0.3048 meter.  
 1 yard equals 0.9144 meter.  
 1 mile equals 1,609.35 kilometers.  
 1 mile equals 1,760 yards; equals 5,280 feet; equals 63,360 inches.  
 1 square yard equals 0.836 square meter.  
 1 acre equals 0.4047 hectare.  
 1 acre equals 43,560 square feet; equals 4,840 square yards.  
 1 acre equals 200 bu (1 square, survey).  
 1 square mile equals 256 hectares.  
 1 square mile equals 2.59 square kilometers.  
 1 cubic foot equals 0.0283 cubic meter.  
 1 cubic foot equals 7.48 gallons; equals 0.00183 hectoliter.  
 1 cubic foot of water weighs 62.5 pounds.  
 1 cubic yard equals 0.766 cubic meter.  
 1 cubic mile equals 147,101,000,000 cubic feet.  
 1 cubic mile equals 4,047 second-foot for one year.  
 1 gallon equals 3.785 liters.  
 1 gallon equals 8.33 pounds of water.  
 1 gallon equals 231 cubic inches (liquid measure).  
 1 pound equals 0.4536 kilogram.  
 1 avoirdupois pound equals 1,601 grams.  
 1 Troy pound equals 3,730 grams.  
 1 meter equals 39.37 inches.    1 kg. 2.20462 lb.  
 1 meter equals 3,280.84 feet.    1 mg. 0.001543 oz.  
 1 meter equals 1,093.61 yards.    1 kg. 0.001102 ton.  
 1 kilometer equals 0.62137 mile; equals 0.62137182 statute mile, survey.



1 square meter equals 10.764 square feet; equals 1.196 square yards.  
 1 hectare equals 2.471 acres.  
 1 cubic meter equals 35.314 cubic feet; equals 1.358 cubic yards.  
 1 liter equals 1.0567 quarts.  
 1 gram equals 15.43 grains.  
 1 kilogram equals 2.2046 pounds.  
 1 tonneau equals 2,204.6 pounds.  
 1 foot per second equals 1.097 kilometers per hour.  
 1 foot per second equals 0.68 mile per hour.  
 1 cubic meter per minute equals 0.5886 second-foot.  
 1 atmosphere equals 15 pounds per square inch; equals 1 ton per square foot; equals 1 kilogram per square centimeter.  
 Acceleration of gravity equals 32.16 feet per second every second.  
 1 horsepower equals 550 foot-pounds per second.  
 1 horsepower equals 76 kilogram-meters per second.  
 1 horsepower equals 746 watts.  
 1 horsepower equals 1 second-foot falling 8.8 feet.  
 11 horsepowers equal about 1 kilowatt.  
 To calculate water power quickly:  $\frac{\text{Sec.-ft.} \times \text{fall in feet}}{11} = \text{Net horsepower on water wheel, realizing}$

80 per cent of the theoretical power.

Quick formula for computing discharge over weirs: Cubic feet per minute equals  $0.4025 l^{3/2} h^{3/2}$ ;  $l$ =length of weir in inches;  $h$ =head in inches flowing over weir, measured from surface of still water.

To change miles to inches on map:

Scale 1:125000, 1 mile=0.50688 inch.  
 Scale 1:100000, 1 mile=0.70400 inch.  
 Scale 1:62500, 1 mile=1.01375 inches.  
 Scale 1:45000, 1 mile=1.40800 inches.

#### FIELD METHODS OF MEASURING STREAM FLOW.

The methods used in collecting these data and in preparing them for publication are given in detail in Water-Supply Papers No. 94 (Hydrographic Manual, U. S. Geol. Survey) and No. 95 (Accuracy of Stream Measurements). In order that those who use this report may readily become acquainted with the general methods employed, the following brief description is given.

Streams may be divided, with respect to their physical conditions, into three classes—(1) those with permanent beds; (2) those with beds which change only during extreme low or high water; (3) those with constantly shifting beds. In estimating the daily flow special methods are necessary for each class. The data on which these estimates are based and the methods of collecting them are, however, in general the same.

There are three distinct methods of determining the flow of open-channel streams—(1) by measurements of slope and cross section and the use of Chezy's and Kutter's formulas; (2) by means of a weir; (3) by measurements of the velocity of the current and of the area of the cross section. The method chosen for any case depends on the local physical conditions, the degree of accuracy desired, the funds available, and the length of time that the record is to be continued.

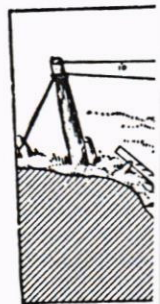
**Slope method.**—Much information has been collected relative to the coefficients to be used in the Chezy formula,  $v=c\sqrt{r s}$ . This has been utilized by Kutter, both in developing his formula for  $c$  and in determining the values of the coefficient  $n$ , which appears therein. The results obtained by the slope method are in general only roughly approximate, owing to the difficulty in obtaining accurate data and the uncertainty of the value for  $n$  to be used in Kutter's formula. The most common use of this method is in estimating the flood discharge of a stream when the only data available are the cross section, the slope, as shown by marks along the bank, and a knowledge of the general conditions.

**Weir method.**—When funds are available and the conditions are such that sharp-crested weirs can be erected, these offer the best facilities for determining flow. If dams are suitably situated and constructed, they may be utilized for obtaining reliable estimates of flow. The conditions necessary to insure good results may be divided into two classes—(1) those relating to the physical characteristics of the dam itself and (2) those relating to the diversion and use of water around and through the dam.

The physical requirements for a weir are: (a) water will not interfere with the structure; (b) topography (d) level crests, which are of a type for which the weir formula, are known; (e) exceptional care in construction.

Preferably there should be no dam, however, a dam is built, flowing past it is diverted over the dam. To be reasonably conservative, either by a weir, a dam, or which have the gate openings, accurately observed.

The combination of estimates of flow with head, on a broad scale, are good, the cooperation results are to be obtained.



A gaging station through the perpendicular to be used in the velocity method.

Velocity method of a stream product of two velocity is a function of the conditions at the bed and the velocity of a stream.

Great care is required by velocity accuracy. The velocity is determined by straight both water, or by permanent channels. The velocity or other artificial



The physical requirements are as follows: (a) Sufficient height of dam, so that back-water will not interfere with free fall over it; (b) absence of leaks of appreciable magnitude; (c) topography or abutments which confine the flow over the dam at high stages; (d) level crests, which are kept free from obstructions caused by floating logs or ice; (e) crests of a type for which the coefficients to be used in  $Q = c b h^{\frac{3}{2}}$ , or some similar standard weir formula, are known (see Water-Supply Paper No. 150); (f) either no flash boards or exceptional care in reducing leakage through them and in recording their condition.

Preferably there should be no diversion of water through or around the dam. Generally, however, a dam is built for purposes of power or navigation, and part or all of the water flowing past it is diverted for such uses. This water is measured and added to that passing over the dam. To insure accuracy in such estimates the amount of water diverted should be reasonably constant. Furthermore, it should be so diverted that it can be measured, either by a weir, a current meter, or a simple system of water wheels which are of standard make, or which have been rated as meters under working conditions, and so installed that the gate openings, the heads under which they work, and their angular velocities may be accurately observed.

The combination of physical conditions and uses of the water should be such that the estimates of flow will not involve, for a critical stage of considerable duration, the use of a head, on a broad-crested dam, of less than 6 inches. Moreover, when all other conditions are good, the cooperation of the owners or operators of the plant is still essential if reliable results are to be obtained.

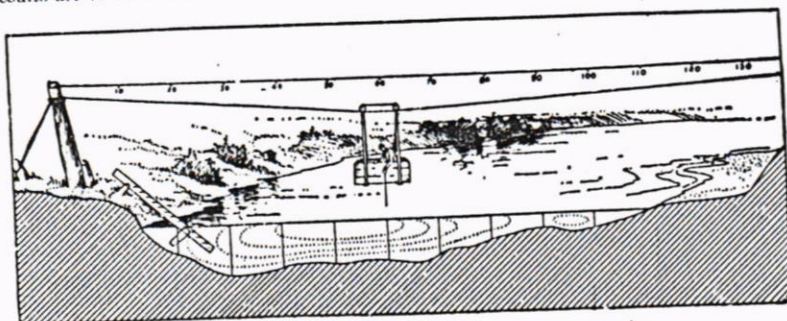


FIG. 1.—Cable station showing section of river, car, gage, etc.

A gaging station at a weir or dam has the general advantage of continuity of record through the period of ice and floods, and the disadvantages of uncertainty of coefficient to be used in the weir formula and of complications in the diversion and use of the water.

*Velocity method.*—The determination of the quantity of water flowing past a certain section of a stream at a given time is termed a discharge measurement. This quantity is the product of two factors—the mean velocity and the area of the cross section. The mean velocity is a function of surface slope, wetted perimeter, roughness of bed, and the channel conditions at, above, and below the gaging section. The area depends on the contour of the bed and the fluctuations of the surface. The two principal ways of measuring the velocity of a stream are by floats and current meters.

Great care is taken in the selection and equipment of gaging stations for determining discharge by velocity measurements in order that the data may have the required degree of accuracy. Their essential requirements are practically the same whether the velocity is determined by meters or floats. They are located as far as possible where the channel is straight both above and below the gaging section; where there are no cross currents, back-water, or boils; where the bed of the stream is reasonably free from large projections of a permanent character; and where the banks are high and subject to overflow only at flood stages. The station must be so far removed from the effects of tributary streams and dams or other artificial obstructions that the gage height shall be an index of the discharge.



Certain permanent or semipermanent structures, usually referred to as "equipment," are generally pertinent to a gaging station. These are a gage for determining the fluctuations of the water surface, bench marks to which the datum of the gage is referred, permanent marks on a bridge or a tagged line indicating the points of measurement, and, where the current is swift, some appliance (generally a secondary cable) to hold the meter in position in the water. As a rule, the stations are located at bridges if the channel conditions are satisfactory, as from them the observations can more readily be made and the cost of the equipment is small.

The floats in common use are the surface, subsurface, and tube or rod floats. A corked bottle with a flag in the top and weighted at the bottom makes one of the most satisfactory surface floats, as it is affected but little by wind. In case of flood measurements, good results can be obtained by observing the velocity of floating cakes of ice or debris. In case of all surface-float measurements coefficients must be used to reduce the observed velocity to the mean velocity. The subsurface and tube or rod floats are intended to give directly the mean velocity in the vertical. Tubes give excellent results when the channel conditions are good, as in canals.

In measuring velocity by a float, observation is made of the time taken by the float to pass over the "run," a selected stretch of river from 50 to 200 feet long. In each discharge measurement a large number of velocity determinations are made at different points across the stream and from these observations the mean velocity for the whole section is determined. This may be done by plotting the mean positions of the floats as indicated by the distances from the bank as ordinates and the corresponding times as abscissas. A curve through these points shows the mean time of run at any point across the stream, and the mean time for the whole stream is obtained by dividing the area bounded by this curve and its axis by the width. The length of the run divided by the mean time gives the mean velocity.

The area used in float measurements is the mean of the areas at the two ends of the run and at several intermediate sections.

The essential parts of the current meters in use are a wheel of some type, so constructed that the impact of flowing water causes it to revolve, and a device for recording or indicating the number of revolutions. The relation between the velocity of the moving water and the revolutions of the wheel is determined for each meter. This rating is done by drawing the meter through still water for a given distance at different speeds, and noting the number of revolutions for each run. From these data a rating table is prepared, which gives the velocity per second for any number of revolutions.

Many kinds of current meters have been constructed. They may, however, be classed in two general types—those in which the wheel is made up of a series of cups, as the Price, and those having a screw-propeller wheel, as the Haskell. Each meter has been developed for use under some special condition. In the case of the small Price meter, which has been largely developed and extensively used by the United States Geological Survey, an attempt has been made to get an instrument which could be used under practically all conditions.

Current-meter measurements may be made from a bridge, cable, boat, or by wading; and gaging stations may be classified in accordance with such use. Fig. 1 shows a typical cable station.

In making the measurement an arbitrary number of points are laid off on a line perpendicular to the thread of the stream. The points at which the velocity and depth are observed are known as measuring points and are usually fixed at regular intervals, varying from 2 to 20 feet, depending on the size and condition of the stream. Perpendiculars dropped from the measuring points divide the gaging section into strips. For each strip or pair of strips the mean velocity, area, and discharge are determined independently, so that conditions existing in one part of the stream may not be extended to parts where they do not apply.

Three classes of methods of measuring velocity with current meters are in general use—multiple-point, single-point, and integration.

The three principal multiple-point methods in general use are the vertical velocity curve, 0.2 and 0.8 depth; and top, bottom, and mid-depth.

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In the vertical velocity curve method a series of velocity determinations are made in each vertical at regular intervals, usually from 0.5 to 1 foot apart. By plotting these velocities as abscissas and their depths as ordinates, and drawing a smooth curve among the resulting points, the vertical velocity curve is developed. This curve shows graphically the magnitude and changes in velocity from the surface to the bottom of the stream. The mean velocity in the vertical is then obtained by dividing the area bounded by this velocity curve and its axis by the depth. On account of the length of time required to make a complete measurement by this method, its use is limited to the determination of coefficients for purposes of comparison and to measurements under ice.

In the second multiple-point method the meter is held successively at 0.2 and 0.8 of the depth and the mean of the velocities at these two points is taken as the mean velocity for that vertical. On the assumption that the vertical velocity curve is a common parabola with horizontal axis, the mean of the velocities at 0.22 and 0.79 of the depth will give (closely) the mean velocity in the vertical. Actual observations under a wide range of conditions show that this second multiple-point method gives the mean velocity very closely for open-water conditions where the depth is over 5 feet and the bed comparatively smooth, and moreover the indications are that it will hold nearly as well for ice-covered rivers.

In the third multiple-point method the meter is held at mid-depth, at 0.5 foot below the surface and at 0.5 foot above the bottom, and the mean velocity is determined by dividing by 6 the sum of the top velocity, four times the mid-depth velocity, and the bottom velocity. This method may be modified by observing at 0.2, 0.6, and 0.8 depth.

The single-point method consists in holding the meter either at the depth of the thread of mean velocity or at an arbitrary depth for which the coefficient for reducing to mean velocity has been determined.

Extensive experiments by vertical velocity curves show that the thread of mean velocity generally occurs at from 0.5 to 0.7 of the total depth. In general practice the thread of mean velocity is considered to be at 0.6 depth, at which point the meter is held in a majority of the measurements. A large number of vertical velocity-curve measurements taken on many streams and under varying conditions show that the average coefficient for reducing the velocity obtained at 0.6 depth to mean velocity is practically unity.

In the other principal single-point method the meter is held near the surface, usually 1 foot below, or low enough to be out of the effect of the wind or other disturbing influences. This is known as the subsurface method. The coefficient for reducing the velocity taken at the subsurface to the mean has been found to be from 0.85 to 0.95, depending on the stage, velocity, and channel conditions. The higher the stage the larger the coefficient. This method is specially adapted for flood measurements, or when the velocity is so great that the meter can not be kept at 0.6 depth.

The vertical-integration method consists in moving the meter at a slow, uniform speed from the surface to the bottom and back again to the surface, and noting the number of revolutions and the time taken in the operation. This method has the advantage that the velocity at each point of the vertical is measured twice. It is well adapted for measurements under ice and as a check on the point methods.

The area, which is the other factor in the velocity method of determining the discharge of a stream, depends on the stage of the river, which is observed on the gage, and on the general contour of the bed of the stream, which is determined by soundings. The soundings are usually taken at each measuring point at the time of the discharge measurement, either by using the meter and cable or by a special sounding line or rod. For streams with permanent beds standard cross sections are usually taken during low water. These sections serve to check the soundings which are taken at the time of the measurements, and from them any change which may have taken place in the bed of the stream can be detected. They are also of value in obtaining the area for use in computations of high-water measurements, as accurate soundings are hard to obtain at high stages.

In computing the discharge measurements from the observed velocities and depths at various points of measurement, the measuring section is divided into elementary strips, as



shown in fig. 1. and the mean velocity, area, and discharge are determined separately for either a single or a double strip. The total discharge and the area are the sums of those for the various strips, and the mean velocity is obtained by dividing the total discharge by the total area.

The determination of the flow of an ice-covered stream is difficult, owing to diversity and instability of conditions during the winter period and also to lack of definite information in regard to the laws of flow of water under ice. The method now employed is to make frequent discharge measurements during the frozen periods by the vertical velocity-curve method and to keep an accurate record of the conditions, such as the gage height to the surface of the water as it rises in a hole cut in the ice, the thickness and character of the ice, etc. From these data an approximate estimate of the daily flow can be made by constructing a rating curve (really a series of curves) similar to that used for open channels, but considering, in addition to gage heights and discharge, varying thickness of ice. Such data as are available in regard to this subject are published in Water-Supply Paper No. 146, pages 141-148.

#### OFFICE METHODS OF COMPUTING RUN-OFF.

There are two principal methods of estimating run-off, depending on whether or not the bed of the stream is permanent.

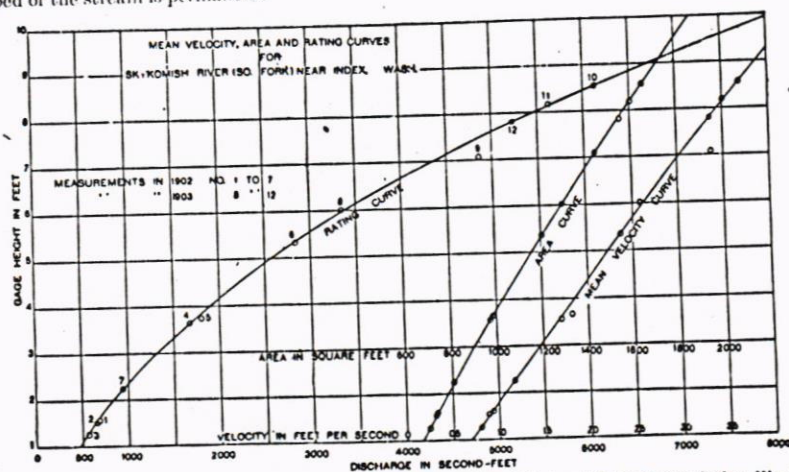


FIG. 2.—Rating, area, and mean-velocity curves for South Fork of Skykomish River near Index, Wash.

For stations on streams with permanent beds the first step in computing the run-off is the construction of the rating table, which shows the discharge corresponding to any stage of the stream. This rating table is applied to the record of stage to determine the amount of water flowing. The construction of the rating table depends on the method used in measuring flow.

For a station at a weir or dam, the basis for the rating table is some standard weir formula. The coefficients to be used in its application depend on the type of dam and other conditions near its crest. After inserting in the weir formula the measured length of crest and assumed coefficient, the discharge is computed for various heads and the rating table constructed.

The data necessary for the construction of a rating table for a velocity-area station are the results of the discharge measurements, which include the record of stage of the river at the time of measurement, the area of the cross section, the mean velocity of the current, and the quantity of water flowing. A thorough knowledge of the conditions at and in the vicinity of the station is also necessary.

The construction of the rating table for permanent channels: (1) The discharge near the gaging station remains constant; the stream is at a given stage, and the discharge is neglected. (3) The discharge is neglected.

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In the preparation of the rating table, the gage is taken from the curve and adjusted according to the conditions.

The determination of the rating table is a problem. In case there are streams of this class, estimation of frequent discharge is more than rough approximation, changed only during flood, and satisfactory results are obtained. Some of them are taken from shifting beds, such as the bed of the river every two or three days, and the rating table is modified by gage in full in the Nineteenth century, page 323, and in the application of it, is also slowly.

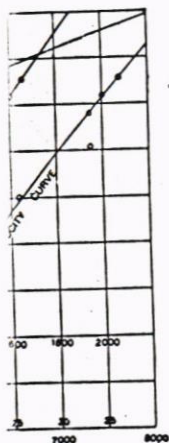
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The plotting of results of the various discharge measurements, using gage heights as ordinates, and discharge, mean velocity, and area as abscissas, will define curves which show the discharge, mean velocity, and area corresponding to any gage height. For the development of these curves there should be, therefore, a sufficient number of discharge measurements to cover the range of the stage of the stream. Fig. 2 shows a typical rating curve with its corresponding mean-velocity and area curves.

As the discharge is the product of two factors, the area and the mean velocity, any change in either factor will produce a corresponding change in the discharge. Their curves are therefore constructed in order to study each independently of the other.

The area curve can be definitely determined from accurate soundings extending to the limits of high water. It is always concave toward the horizontal axis or on a straight line, unless the banks of the stream are overhanging.

The form of the mean-velocity curve depends chiefly on the surface slope, the roughness of the bed, and the cross section of the stream. Of these, the slope is the principal factor. In accordance with the relative change of these factors the curve may be either a straight line, convex or concave toward either axis, or a combination of the three. From a careful study of the conditions at any gaging station the form which the vertical velocity curve will take can be predicted, and it may be extended with reasonable certainty to stages beyond the limits of actual measurements. Its principal use is in connection with the area curve in locating errors in discharge measurements and in constructing the rating table.

The discharge curve is defined primarily by the measurements of discharge, which are studied and weighted in accordance with the local conditions existing at the time of each measurement. The curve may, however, best be located between and beyond the measurements by means of curves of area and mean velocity. The discharge curve under normal conditions is concave toward the horizontal axis and is generally parabolic in form.

In the preparation of the rating table the discharge for each tenth or half-tenth on the gage is taken from the curve. The differences between successive discharges are then taken and adjusted according to the law that they shall either be constant or increasing.

The determination of the daily discharge of streams with changeable beds is a difficult problem. In case there is a weir or dam available, a condition which seldom exists on streams of this class, estimates can be obtained by its use. In the case of velocity-area stations frequent discharge measurements must be made if the estimates are to be other than rough approximations. For stations with beds which shift slowly or are materially changed only during floods, rating tables can be prepared for periods between such changes, and satisfactory results obtained with a limited number of measurements, provided that some of them are taken soon after the change occurs. For streams with continually shifting beds, such as the Colorado and Rio Grande, discharge measurements should be made every two or three days and the discharges for intervening days obtained either by interpolation modified by gage height or by Professor Stout's method, which has been described in full in the Nineteenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, Part IV, page 323, and in the Engineering News of April 21, 1904. This method, or a graphical application of it, is also much used in estimating flow at stations where the bed shifts but slowly.

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#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE GREAT BASIN.

In the interior of the North American continent, west of the Rocky Mountains, is an immense area known as the Great Basin, the streams of which do not discharge to the ocean. The area is not one single drainage basin, but consists rather of a number of basins, some of which are connected and others closed; the outer rim of all, however, is at such an elevation that the region as a whole has no surface outlet.

In outline the Great Basin is rudely triangular. It is bordered on the west by the Sierra Nevada, on the north by the Columbia plateaus, on the east by the Rocky Mountains and the Colorado plateaus, and the southern extremity extends almost to the Gulf of California. This inclosed area is approximately 800 miles long from north to south, 500 miles broad at its widest part, and has been estimated to include 208,000 square miles. It comprises the western part of Utah, almost all of Nevada, and contiguous parts of Idaho, Oregon, and California.

Topographically this interior drainage area is characterized by isolated, narrow mountain ranges, trending north and south, which are separated by broad valleys varying considerably in altitude. In the southern part the valleys are low, Death Valley being below sea level, while in the north the valleys have a general elevation of from 4,000 to 5,000 feet. The intervening highlands often rise several thousand feet above their bases, and some of the peaks of the bordering ranges attain elevations of 13,000 feet above sea level.

Upper branches of the intermontane valleys extend into the interior ranges as narrow drainage ways that are dry during most of the year; but the drainage from the high mountains on the east and west borders of the basin passes through deep canyons into the broad valleys, where the perennial streams maintain lakes. Among these are Great Salt, Utah, and Sevier lakes in the eastern part, and Pyramid, Winnemucca, Honey, Walker, Mono, and Owens lakes in the western part of the Great Basin. With the exception of Utah Lake, which discharges by Jordan River into Great Salt Lake, these lakes are saline in character, as a consequence of the concentration of salts due to evaporation. Bear Lake, in the mountains of the eastern border, and Lake Tahoe, in the Sierras, are large bodies of fresh water that drain, respectively, to Great Salt and Pyramid lakes. Shallow, temporary bodies of water accumulate in some of the broad intermontane val-

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forming with the dip of the strata. These ranges have been uplifted by movements of  
the earth's crust which have broken it into tilted blocks. The greatest displacements of  
the Great Basin are associated with the eastern and western borders, the Wasatch Moun-  
tains and the Sierra Nevada having been uplifted many thousand feet. The mountains of  
the Great Basin are commonly composed of Paleozoic strata, often modified by vulcanism,  
and the products of weathering and disintegration of these rocks have accumulated in the  
broad intervening valleys, which are strewn to great depths with unconsolidated debris.

The climate of the Great Basin is extremely arid, and except a few favored spots where  
irrigation is practiced, the region in general is a desert. Over the larger part of the area  
the annual precipitation is less than 10 inches, but it is greater on the bordering high  
lands, especially on the Sierra Nevada, where it is over 40 inches. Temperature varies  
widely, owing to the large extent of the area and to differences in elevation. Over most  
of the region the heat of the summer days is intense, but the diurnal variation is consid-  
erable. Evaporation is enormous. From the surface of water in the vicinity of Salt Lake  
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it is much greater, amounting in places possibly to 150 inches.

An arid climate, however, has not always prevailed in this region. In late geologic  
time (early Quaternary) the bordering high mountains supported glaciers, and enormous  
lakes, the old shore lines of which are now plainly marked on the sides of many valleys,  
accumulated in the Great Basin. The two largest of these lakes have been named after  
early explorers. Lake Bonneville occupied a considerable part of western Utah, its shrunken  
remnants being represented by Sevier, Utah, and Great Salt lakes; and Lake Lahontan  
covered an immense area in western Nevada.

The chief rivers of the Great Basin rise in the mountains which form its eastern and  
western borders and receive their principal supply from melting snow. The nature of the  
stream discharge is characteristic; the maximum commonly occurs in late spring or early  
summer, after which the flow decreases, reaching a minimum during the winter months.  
After leaving the mountains the streams receive little or no increment; in the broad, waste-  
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four areas, viz, Wasatch Mountains, Humboldt Sink, Sierra Nevada, and minor Great  
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#### WASATCH MOUNTAINS DRAINAGE.

##### PRINCIPAL STREAMS.

The Wasatch Mountains drainage area includes the western half of Utah and small por-  
tions of Idaho and Wyoming. The headwaters of the various streams lie either in the  
Wasatch Mountains or in the plateaus to the south, and they drain either into Great Salt  
Lake or Sevier Lake. The following are the principal rivers of the area:

Bear and Weber rivers, discharging into Great Salt Lake.

City, Parleys, Emigration, Mill, and Big and Little Cottonwood creeks, tributary to Jo-  
rdan River and thus to Great Salt Lake. These creeks have small watersheds, but in the  
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City.

American Fork and Hobble creeks, Spanish Fork, and Provo River, discharging into  
Utah Lake.

Sevier River, with its tributary, San Pitch River, draining into Sevier Lake.



## BEAR RIVER BASIN.

## DESCRIPTION OF BASIN.

Bear River rises on the northern slope of the Uinta Mountains, in the northeastern part of Utah, and after a circuitous course—in which it leaves Utah and enters Wyoming, reenters Utah, appears again in Wyoming, and makes a long detour in Idaho—it returns again to Utah and finally discharges its waters into Great Salt Lake. The maximum elevation of the upper rim of the basin is 13,000 feet.

In the upper part of its course, above the Dingle gaging station, the country is rough and broken, the rocks of the extreme headwater regions being principally sandstone and quartzite, covered with a thin layer of soil which supports scattered groves of fir and aspen. Farther down the prevailing formation is a compact limestone covered with a clayey soil, generally dry and with a rank growth of sagebrush. The tributary streams are numerous and well distributed, but they are generally short and confined to steep, narrow canyons. There are no marshes, extensive meadows, or forests, but a few small lakes lie near the head of the river. Numerous small springs and the melting snow which comprises the greater part of the precipitation are the chief sources of supply. The annual high-water period occurs during May and June, and the stream is not subject to quick floods or freshets.

Just below Dingle the main stream passes through the north end of Bear Lake Valley in a well-defined channel with no overflow, and from this point to Preston it is confined largely to a steep, narrow canyon, with occasional small, narrow valleys containing irrigated farms. The tributaries in this portion of the basin are few, the principal ones being Mink and Cottonwood creeks. About 10 miles below Dingle the outlet to Bear Lake joins the river. This is a small, crooked, sluggish stream, that discharges but little water at any time, though it is the only visible outlet to Bear Lake, which has an area of about 144 square miles.

The total unappropriated flow between Dingle and Preston is used for irrigation. There is no storage on the main stream, but on Mink Creek a number of small storage reservoirs are contemplated or in process of construction, the water to be diverted for the irrigation of lands in the northwest end of Cache Valley.

Between Preston and Collinston the Bear is a sluggish stream, traversing the west side of Cache Valley in a well-defined channel, which during extreme floods overflows slightly and covers a very narrow strip immediately along the river. The principal tributary streams in this portion of the course are Cub Creek and Logan River. The former has its source in the Bear River Range, and drains a rough country composed of limestone with but little overlying soil. The creek is confined to a steep, narrow canyon until it reaches Cache Valley, where it flows sluggishly for about 15 miles through a winding, but well-defined, channel into Bear River. It discharges considerable water into the main stream during flood and winter seasons, but its entire summer flow is used for irrigation in the north end of Cache Valley. A gaging station was maintained during a part of 1900 and 1901 on Cub Creek about 4 miles northeast of Franklin, at the mouth of the canyon, but, owing to unfavorable conditions, it was discontinued.

Logan River enters the Bear about 7 miles above the gaging station at Collinston, a short distance above the point where it leaves Cache Valley and enters the canyon.

Practically the only inflow to the Bear in Cache Valley is from seepage and springs. The lower portions of the valley form an artesian basin containing numerous small, flowing wells. The water table lies very near the surface, and during the early spring the lower lands are largely swamp.

The Bear River Canal Company diverts the entire summer flow of the stream above Collinston onto agricultural lands lying on both sides of the river below Bear River Canyon. This system has a capacity of about 1,000 second-feet, and during the winter and flood seasons a part of the water is used to develop electric power at a point about one-fourth mile above the Collinston station, being returned to the river at Collinston. From 10 to 20 second-feet reach the stream through leaks and as seepage from the diversion canals.

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## BEAR LAKE AT FISHHAVEN, IDAHO.

This station was established October 5, 1903. It is located at Fishhaven, Idaho, on the west shore of Bear Lake, about 4 miles north of the Idaho-Utah State line. It is on land used as a summer resort, owned by G. C. Gray, of Montpelier, Idaho, and is immediately south of the summer resort known as Nelsons Camp.

A plain staff gage, read when the surface of the lake is calm by John L. Nelson, is driven vertically into the bed of the lake 10 feet east of a crib where water from a spring rises to the surface. The gage is protected by 2 by 4 inch stakes driven on either side. The spring melts the ice before the regular breaking-up season, the consequence being that the shore at this point is comparatively free from ice, while only a few hundred feet away it is piled up in great, grinding masses. The gage is referred to bench marks as follows: (1) A wooden hub driven flush with the ground, 1 foot south of a 15-inch cottonwood tree, 1 foot east of a fence on the east side of the county road, 142 feet north of the gage, and about 18° to the west; elevation above zero of gage, 12.19 feet. (2) A shoulder cut on an above-ground root of a 20-inch cottonwood tree, 2 feet southeast of the southeast corner of the porch of a house on the summer-resort grounds; it bears 81° W., 93 feet south of the gage rod; elevation above zero of gage, 7.13 feet. By readings on the lake surface here and at the north end of the lake, October 5, 1903, the elevation of the zero of gage was found to be 12.26 feet by the datum used on canal surveys, etc., during 1903. This elevation is probably correct to within 0.05 foot. The elevation above sea level is approximately 6,000 feet.

An extreme high-water mark pointed out by the observer, who has lived here thirty-three years, indicates that twenty or thirty years ago the surface of the lake stood at approximately gage height 6.5 feet. A more definite mark shows a gage height of 6 feet as occurring twenty years ago.

Daily gage height, in feet, of Bear Lake at Fishhaven, Idaho, for 1905.

Day.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2.....									2.7			
5.....	2.5							3.0				
6.....		2.55										
8.....				2.9			3.05			2.4		
10.....			2.7			3.15					2.05	1.85
11.....												
12.....								2.9				
14.....					3.15				2.6			
15.....		2.55										
16.....	2.5									2.3		
17.....			2.7	2.95								
18.....												1.8
19.....								2.8				
20.....						3.15	3.03				2.0	
22.....		2.6										
23.....					3.2							
24.....	2.5											
25.....			2.75	2.1								
26.....									2.5	2.2		
27.....												1.8
28.....		2.05										
29.....							3.03					
30.....				3.05		3.1						
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## BEAR RIVER AT DINGLE, IDAHO.

This station was established May 9, 1903. It is located in a cut made by the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company one-fourth mile east of the Dingle railroad station and about 250 feet south of the track.

The channel is straight for about 400 feet above and below the station. Both banks are high, are not liable to overflow, and are barren except for small brush. The bed of the stream is of well-compacted small gravel and soil and seems to be permanent. The velocity is moderate at ordinary stages, and is well distributed. The stream freezes over late in November or early in December, and ordinarily the ice does not begin to break up until late in February. There is no anchor or needle ice at any stage. Winter records at this station are of special importance, as the object of the station is the collection of facts concerning the amount of water available for storage in Bear Lake.

Discharge measurements are made by means of a cable and ear of the regular form, the length of the span being 151 feet. The cable is marked at 10-foot intervals with white paint. The initial point for soundings is the first mark from the north and is 8 feet from the north cable support.

The gage, which is read daily by M. K. Hopkins, was originally of the vertical type, but in December, 1905, it was replaced by a new inclined gage, consisting of a 6 by 6 inch fir, fastened to three vertical double posts well embedded in the bank. It is located 3 feet below the old gage and about 25 feet above the cable. The datum of the new gage was made to agree with that of the old one. The gage is referred to bench marks as follows: (1) A United States Geological Survey standard metallic post bearing N. 33° 15' E., 37 feet from as north end of cable; elevation above zero of gage, 15.59 feet; elevation above mean sea level, determined from Oregon Short Line Railroad elevations, 6,000 feet. (2) Top of south cable post; elevation, 18.04 feet above zero of gage. (3) Top of 4-foot stick of timber planted 2.7 feet in the ground; elevation above zero of gage, 18.42 feet. During the winter of 1904-5 gage readings were taken once or twice each week, the surface of the water being read after the ice had been cut around the gage and the thickness of the ice in each case noted.

Information in regard to this station is contained in the following Water-Supply Papers of the United States Geological Survey:

Description: 100, p 135; 133, p 238.  
Discharge: 100, p 135; 138, p 238.  
Discharge, monthly: 100, p 137; 133, p 240.  
Gage heights: 100, p 136; 133, p 239.  
Rating table: 100, p 136; 133, p 240.

## Discharge measurements of Bear River at Dingle, Idaho, in 1905.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gage height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Square feet.	Feet per second.	Feet.	Second-feet.
February 13 <sup>a</sup> ..	C. Tanner.....	92	136	1.43	b 4.45	194
March 24.....	W. G. Swendsen.....	107	210	1.80	4.22	379
September 19.....	do.....	97	136	.98	3.48	133

<sup>a</sup> Stream frozen; ice 1 foot thick near the center and increasing gradually to 1.5 feet at either side. No anchor or slush ice.  
<sup>b</sup> Surface of water in hole cut in ice.

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1.....	4.8	...
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Daily gage height, in feet, of Bear River at Dingle, Idaho, for 1905.

Day.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.....	4.8			4.2	4.2	3.7	3.85	3.35	3.3	3.5	3.55	3.5
2.....	4.7		4.8	4.1	4.15	3.95	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.55	3.5
3.....	4.6	4.8		4.1	4.2	4.0	3.75	3.35	3.3	3.5	3.55	3.5
4.....	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.1	4.2	3.95	3.75	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.55
5.....	4.4	4.8		4.1	4.2	4.05	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.55	3.5
6.....	4.4		4.45	4.05	4.15	4.2	3.8	3.35	3.4	3.5	3.55	3.5
7.....	4.5		4.45	4.0	4.1	4.25	3.65	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.55	4.4
8.....	4.5			4.0	4.1	4.5	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	4.4
9.....	4.5		4.4	4.1	4.1	4.65	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.55	4.5
10.....	4.5			4.1	4.1	4.6	3.45	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.55	4.25
11.....	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.05	4.6	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.55	
12.....	4.6		4.4	4.1	4.05	4.7	3.5	3.3	3.35		3.55	
13.....		4.45	4.7	4.1	4.0	4.9	3.65	3.3	3.35	3.5	3.5	
14.....	4.6	4.45	4.4	4.1	4.0	5.0	3.7	3.3	3.35	3.5	3.55	4.35
15.....			4.4	4.15	4.0	4.8	3.7	3.3	3.35	3.5	3.55	
16.....			4.45	4.2	3.9	4.7	3.7	3.3	3.35	3.5	3.55	
17.....	4.7		4.45	4.2	3.9	4.75	3.65	3.3	3.35	3.5	3.5	4.6
18.....		4.45	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.9	3.6	3.3	3.35	3.5		
19.....			4.4	4.2	3.9	5.05	3.6	3.3	3.45	3.5	3.55	
20.....			4.4	4.2	3.9	4.95	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.55	
21.....	4.7		4.4	4.2	3.9	4.8	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.9
22.....		4.7	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.65	3.55	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.55	
23.....			4.3		3.95	4.35	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.55	
24.....	4.8		4.2	4.2	3.95	4.2	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.55	
25.....		4.7		4.2	3.95	4.1	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.55	3.55	3.8
26.....			4.2	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.4	3.2	3.45	3.55	3.55	
27.....		4.8	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.95	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.55		
28.....	4.7		4.2	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.35	3.3	3.45	3.55	3.5	3.8
29.....			4.2	4.2	3.8	3.95	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.3	
30.....	4.8		4.2	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.55	3.2	
31.....			4.2		3.75		3.35	3.3		3.55		4.0

NOTE.—River frozen January 1 to about March 14 and December 7 to 31. During this period the readings were to the water surface in a hole cut in the ice.

The following thicknesses of ice were recorded:

	Thickness in feet.		Thickness in feet.
January 4.....	0.75	February 11.....	1.1
January 8.....	1.0	February 18.....	1.2
January 21.....	1.2	February 22.....	1.2
January 24.....	1.2	February 25.....	1.3
January 28.....	1.2	February 27.....	1.3
February 4.....	1.1	March 2.....	1.2
February 5.....	1.1	March 9.....	.7

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Station rating table for Bear River at Dingle, Idaho, from March 11 to December 6, 1905.

Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.
Feet.	Second-feet.	Feet.	Second-feet.	Feet.	Second-feet.	Feet.	Second-feet.
3.10	60	3.90	260	4.70	500	5.50	1,020
3.20	75	4.00	295	4.80	635	5.60	1,085
3.30	90	4.10	330	4.90	685	5.70	1,155
3.40	110	4.20	370	5.00*	740	5.80	1,230
3.50	135	4.30	410	5.10	790	5.90	1,300
3.60	160	4.40	455	5.20	840	6.00	1,375
3.70	190	4.50	495	5.30	895	6.10	1,400
3.80	225	4.60	540	5.40	955		

The above table is applicable only for open-channel conditions. It is based on 11 discharge measurements made during 1903-1905. It is well defined between gage heights 3.5 feet and 7.4 feet. Above gage height 6.1 feet the rating curve is a tangent, the difference being 0.0 per tenth. The above table is the same as that used for 1904.

Estimated monthly discharge of Bear River at Dingle, Idaho, for 1905.

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Total in acre-feet.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	
January.....	310	180	250	15,920
February.....	310	195	250	14,380
March.....	590	180	365	22,440
April.....	370	205	348	20,710
May.....	370	208	294	18,080
June.....	765	190	467	27,790
July.....	242	90	157	9,654
August.....	110	75	80	5,472
September.....	135	90	113	6,724
October.....	160	135	138	8,485
November.....	160	75	141	8,300
December 1-6.....	147	135	137	1,630
The period.....				150,700

NOTE.—Discharge interpolated for days when the gage was not read. Estimates for January, February, and March corrected for effect of ice. They are merely approximate.

#### BEAR RIVER NEAR PRESTON, IDAHO.

This station was established October 11, 1880. It is located about 6 miles from Preston, Idaho, 10 miles north of the Idaho-Utah boundary line and about 300 feet below the county road crossing at the old bridge of the Oregon Short Line Railroad. The data collected at this station are of extreme importance as showing the amount of water that passes from Idaho into Utah and will be of great value in the final adjudication of water rights on the stream.

The channel is straight for about 250 feet above and below the station. Both banks are barren and are sufficiently high to prevent overflow. The bed of the stream is of gravel and clay and is permanent. A light growth of moss near the north side of the gaging section interferes slightly with summer records; otherwise the conditions are good. The stream is ice covered from about the end of December to the middle of February. There is no needle ice and but little fluctuation.

Discharge measurements are made by means of a cable and car, rebuilt in 1904. The cable has a span of about 250 feet and is marked at 10-foot intervals with red paint. The initial point for soundings is the north post supporting the cable.

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Information in regard United States Geological Supply Paper):

Description: Ann 14, II, p 38, pp 332-333; 51, p 409; 66, Discharge: Ann 18, IV, p 333; 51, p 409; 66, p 117; 85, Discharge, monthly: Ann p 432; 20, IV, p 459; 21, IV, p Discharge, yearly: Ann 11 Gage heights: Bull 131, p 117; 85, p 83; 100, p 134; 1 Hydrographs: Ann 12, II, p 191.

Rating tables: Ann 18, IV p 521; 66, p 176; 85, p 84; 13

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May 3.....	do...
June 7.....	do...
July 11.....	do...
August 23....	W. D. B
September 16..	W. G. Sw
October 30....	do...

\* Back water caused by the velocity zero for 60 feet of the stream at the gage.



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The gage, which is read daily by Mrs. Hannah Nelson, was originally of the vertical type and consisted of a board nailed to a pile of the highway bridge. This was replaced August 4, 1890, by a wire gage, which proved unsatisfactory, and October 31, 1903, a new temporary gage was again attached to the bridge pile. In December, 1904, a new inclined gage was established at a point about 50 feet below the bridge. It consists of a piece of 8 by 8 inch fir, supported by three vertical double posts. The bench mark is a United States Geological Survey standard metallic post, set flush with the surface of the ground at a point about 8 feet upstream from the south post supporting the cable; elevation above zero of gage, 7,428 feet. All readings have been reduced as nearly as possible to the same datum.

Information in regard to this station is contained in the following publications of the United States Geological Survey (Ann=Annual Report; Bull=Bulletin; WS=Water-Supply Paper):

Description: Ann 14, II, pp 118-119; 18, IV, p 313; Bull 131, p 53; 140, pp 225; WS 16, p 157; 28, p 146; 38, pp 332-333; 51, p 409; 66, p 117; 85, p 82; 100, pp 133-134; 133, p 241.  
 Discharge: Ann 18, IV, p 314; Bull 131, pp 53, 92; 140, p 226; WS 16, p 157; 28, p 153; 35, pp 18-19; 38, p 333; 51, p 409; 66, p 117; 85, p 83; 100, p 134; 133, p 241.  
 Discharge, monthly: Ann 11, II, p 102; 12, II, pp 352, 300; 13, III, p 96; 14, I, p 119; 18, IV, p 315; 19, IV, p 432; 20, IV, p 450; 21, IV, p 304; 22, IV, p 407; Bull 140, p 227; WS 75, p 191; 85, p 84; 133, p 243.  
 Discharge, yearly: Ann 11, II, p 99; 13, p 99; 20, IV, p 60.  
 Gage heights: Bull 131, pp 54-55; 140, p 226; WS 11, p 76; 16, p 157; 28, p 140; 38, p 334; 51, p 410; 66, p 117; 85, p 83; 100, p 134; 133, p 242.  
 Hydrographs: Ann 12, II, p 330; 14, II, p 118; 18, IV, p 316; 19, IV, p 433; 20, IV, p 400; 22, IV, p 407; 75 p 191.  
 Rating tables: Ann 18, IV, p 314; 19, IV, p 432; Bull 131, p 54; 140, p 226; WS 28, p 154; 30, p 452; 52, p 521; 66, p 176; 85, p 84; 133, p 242.

## Discharge measurements of Bear River near Preston, Idaho, in 1905.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gage height.	Discharge.
			Square feet.	Feet per second.		Second-feet.
January 25....	W. G. Swendsen.....	188	348	1.78	1.00	617
February 17 a..	C. Tanner.....	197	524	1.46	2.80	706
March 23.....	W. G. Swendsen.....	192	470	2.26	2.15	1,059
March 23.....	do.....	192	470	2.27	2.15	1,067
May 3.....	do.....	196	513	2.64	2.45	1,354
June 7.....	do.....	187	358	1.00	1.45	574
July 11.....	do.....	182	293	.80	.60	182
August 23.....	W. D. Beers.....	145	216	.82	.60	177
September 16..	W. G. Swendsen.....	171	230	1.22	.80	291
October 30.....	do.....	186	340	1.56	1.43	528

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58	20,710
54	18,080
57	27,790
57	9,654
80	5,472
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Daily gage height, in feet, of Bear River near Preston, Idaho, for 1905.

Day.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.....	2.6	1.5	1.5	1.88	2.15	1.7	.....	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.04	1.3
2.....	2.6	1.5	1.52	1.8	2.33	1.7	.....	.5	.7	1.0	1.04	1.25
3.....	2.6	1.6	1.55	1.8	2.42	1.62	.....	.5	.7	1.07	1.04	1.25
4.....	2.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.38	1.6	.....	.5	.7	1.18	1.04	1.25
5.....	2.5	.....	1.6	1.8	2.3	1.63	0.6	.02	.7	1.32	1.04	1.25
6.....	2.5	1.6	1.68	1.8	2.23	1.53	.02	.5	.7	1.3	1.04	1.2
7.....	2.45	1.6	1.68	1.8	2.1	1.43	.7	.5	.72	1.3	1.04	1.37
8.....	2.4	1.6	1.72	1.8	2.1	1.47	.68	.5	.7	1.3	1.04	1.3
9.....	2.4	1.6	1.78	1.8	2.1	1.4	.63	.5	.7	1.3	1.04	1.4
10.....	2.4	1.8	1.78	1.8	2.1	1.43	.6	.5	.7	1.3	1.04	1.4
11.....	2.4	1.9	1.85	1.8	2.05	1.53	.6	.5	.7	1.3	1.04	1.5
12.....	2.4	.....	1.92	1.8	2.05	1.65	.6	.5	.72	1.3	1.04	1.7
13.....	2.4	.....	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.67	.6	.5	.8	1.35	1.04	2.0
14.....	2.4	.....	2.07	1.87	1.95	1.85	.6	.5	.8	1.32	1.04	2.6
15.....	.....	2.8	2.15	1.9	1.95	1.98	.6	.5	.8	1.22	1.04	.....
16.....	3.5	2.72	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.6	.6	.5	.8	1.05	1.04	.....
17.....	3.5	2.7	2.15	1.97	2.03	1.72	.6	.5	.8	1.05	1.35	.....
18.....	3.5	2.55	2.25	2.02	2.15	1.87	.6	.5	.77	1.04	1.3	2.65
19.....	1.5	2.57	2.3	2.08	2.15	1.9	.6	.5	.7	1.04	1.3	.....
20.....	1.5	2.48	2.27	2.0	2.15	1.9	.6	.5	.8	1.04	1.35	.....
21.....	1.5	1.5	2.23	1.95	2.1	1.65	.8	.5	.8	1.04	1.32	.....
22.....	1.5	1.5	2.2	1.97	2.07	1.5	.8	.6	.8	1.04	1.3	.....
23.....	1.6	1.5	2.12	2.0	2.0	1.42	.8	.75	.8	1.04	1.3	2.45
24.....	1.6	1.5	2.1	2.0	1.95	1.32	.8	.63	.8	1.04	1.27	.....
25.....	.....	1.58	2.05	2.07	1.9	1.25	.75	.7	1.0	1.04	1.25	.....
26.....	1.55	1.6	2.07	2.1	1.9	1.2	.7	.67	.95	1.45	1.25	.....
27.....	1.5	1.55	2.1	2.05	1.9	1.0	.65	.65	.9	1.45	1.25	.....
28.....	1.5	1.52	2.0	2.05	1.9	.....	.6	.7	1.0	1.45	1.25	.....
29.....	1.5	.....	2.0	2.05	1.87	.....	.6	.7	1.0	1.45	1.27	.....
30.....	1.5	.....	2.0	2.05	1.8	.....	.55	.7	1.0	1.41	1.3	.....
31.....	1.5	.....	1.95	.....	1.72	.....	.52	.7	.....	1.41	.....	.....

NOTE.—River frozen January 1-18 and February 10-20. Ice conditions December 7-31.

Station rating table for Bear River near Preston, Idaho, from January 1 to December 31, 1905.

Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.
Feet.	Second-feet.	Feet.	Second-feet.	Feet.	Second-feet.	Feet.	Second-feet.
0.50	158	1.10	371	1.60	642	2.10	1,020
.60	186	1.20	418	1.70	708	2.20	1,110
.70	217	1.30	468	1.80	779	2.30	1,205
.80	251	1.40	522	1.90	855	2.40	1,300
.90	288	1.50	580	2.00	935	2.50	1,400
1.00	328						

NOTE.—The above table is applicable only for open-channel conditions. It is based on 15 discharge measurements made during 1904-5. It is well defined throughout.

Estimated month.

Month.

January 19-31.....  
 February 1-9; 21-28.....  
 March.....  
 April.....  
 May.....  
 June.....  
 July.....  
 August.....  
 September.....  
 October.....  
 November.....  
 December 1-6.....

The period.....

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# BEAR RIVER BASIN.

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Estimated monthly discharge of Bear River near Preston, Idaho, for 1905.

[Drainage area, 4,500 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Total in acre-feet.	Run-off.	
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.		Second-feet per square mile.	Depth in inches.
January 10-31.....	642	580	595	15,340	0.132	0.064
February 1-9; 21-28.....	642	580	615	20,740	.137	.087
March.....	1,205	580	907	55,770	.202	.233
April.....	1,020	779	871	51,830	.194	.216
May.....	1,320	722	991	60,930	.220	.254
June.....	855	328	599	35,640	.133	.148
July.....	251	104	201	12,300	.045	.052
August.....	234	158	176	10,820	.039	.045
September.....	328	217	250	14,880	.056	.062
October.....	551	328	420	26,380	.095	.110
November.....	495	346	401	23,800	.089	.099
December 1-6.....	468	418	443	5,272	.008	.022
The period.....				333,800		

NOTE.—Discharge interpolated on days when gage was not read.

## BEAR RIVER NEAR COLLINSTON, UTAH.

This station was established July 1, 1880. It is located 6 miles from Collinston station on the Oregon Short Line Railroad, about one-fourth mile below the electric-power plant in Bear River Canyon. It is at the lower end of the canyon separating Cache and Great Salt Lake valleys, at a point below all diversion from the stream. It shows the amount of unappropriated water that is discharged as waste into Great Salt Lake.

The stream at this point is wide and shallow. Both banks are sufficiently high to prevent overflow; the west bank slopes gradually, while the east is abrupt. The bed is composed of bowlders and clay and is somewhat rough, but apparently permanent. A deposit of material which was washed into the stream by the water from a spillway at the power plant during 1903 changed the original condition considerably during 1903 and 1904. The cross section was rechecked, however, in March, 1905, and found to agree very closely with the original standard cross section, the new material having been washed out. The velocity ranges from 2 to 4 feet per second. There is a free flow except at a small hole near the east bank. The discharge ranges from 7,000 feet during flood season to nothing during the summer, when the entire flow is diverted for irrigation above the station. The stream probably never freezes entirely over, but ice forms along the edges to quite an extent during December and January.

Discharge measurements were originally made from a small boat attached by means of a chain and pulley to a cable stretched across the stream. During 1904 discharge measurements were made from a bridge recently built across the stream at the power house, but owing to poor conditions at this point a cable and car were established at the old section in January, 1905. The total length of the span is 301 feet. The cable is marked at 20-foot intervals with paint, beginning at the west post, which is the initial point for soundings.

The gage, which is read daily by D. A. Cannon, a watchman along the Bear River canals, consisted originally of a vertical iron bar driven into the river bed and supported at the top by a horizontal bar fastened to posts on the bank. It was replaced in February, 1905, by an inclined gage. This is a 6 by 6 inch fir, fastened by means of iron straps to three posts firmly embedded in the bank, and graduated to read vertically. It is located at the same point as the old vertical gage. The low-water gage is an iron peg driven into the bed of the stream about 50 feet from the west bank. It has the same datum as the regular gage.

Nov.	Dec.
1.04	1.3
1.04	1.25
1.04	1.25
1.04	1.25
1.04	1.25
1.04	1.2
1.04	1.37
1.04	1.3
1.04	1.4
1.04	1.4
1.04	1.8
1.04	1.7
1.04	2.0
1.04	2.6
1.04	.....
1.04	.....
1.35	.....
1.3	2.65
1.3	.....
1.35	.....
1.32	.....
1.3	.....
1.3	2.45
1.27	.....
1.25	.....
1.25	.....
1.25	.....
1.25	.....
1.27	.....
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Discharge.
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1,110
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The gage is referred to bench marks as follows: (1) A metallic post, 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet long, set in the ground at a point 30 feet S. 74° W. from the west post supporting the cable; elevation, 9.59 feet above zero of gage, and so stamped on the top; (2) a nail in an oak post 20 feet west of the gage and 20 feet north of the cable; elevation above gage datum, 7.35 feet.

Information in regard to this station is contained in the following publications of the United States Geological Survey (Ann=Annual Report; Bull=Bulletin; WS=Water Supply Paper):

Description: Ann 18, iv, p 310; Bull 131, pp 55-56; 140, p 227; WS 16, p 150; 28, p 140; 38, pp 335-336; 51, p 413; 66, p 120; 85, p 80; 100, p 131; 133, p 433.  
 Discharge: Ann 18, iv, p 310; Bull 131, pp 60, 62; 140, p 228; WS 16, p 150; 28, p 153; 35, pp 18-19; 38, p 336; 51, p 413; 66, p 120; 85, p 80; 100, p 131; 133, p 244.  
 Discharge, monthly: Ann 11, ii, p 103; 12, ii, pp 352, 360; 13, iii, p 96; 14, ii, pp 120-121; 18, iv, p 320; 19, iv, p 435; 20, iv, pp 458-460; 21, iv, p 305; 22, iv, p 410; Bull 140, p 229; WS 75, p 103; 85, p 82; 100, p 133; 133, p 245.  
 Discharge, yearly: Ann 11, ii, p 69; 13, iii, p 99; 20, iv, p 60.  
 Gage heights: Bull 131, pp 56-57; 140, p 229; WS 11, p 77; 16, p 150; 28, p 150; 38, p 336; 51, p 414; 66, p 121; 85, p 81; 100, p 132; 133, p 244.  
 Hydrographs: Ann 12, ii, p 332; 14, ii, p 121; 18, iv, p 320; 19, iv, p 435; 20, iv, p 461; 21, iv, p 305; 22, iv, p 411.  
 Rainfall and run-off relation: Ann 20, iv, p 450.  
 Rating tables: Ann 18, iv, p 320; 19, iv, p 434; Bull 140, p 228; WS 28, p 154; 30, p 453; 52, p 521; 66, p 176; 85, p 81; 100, p 132; 133, p 245.

*Discharge measurements of Bear River near Collinston, Utah, in 1905.*

Date.	Hydrographer.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gage height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Square feet.	Feet per second.	Feet	Second-feet.
February 10....	C. Tanner.....	270	486	2.46	1.75	1,105
March 20.....	W. G. Swendsen.....	275	711	2.73	2.50	1,943
March 29.....	do.....	275	711	2.78	2.50	1,976
May 17.....	do.....	275	684	2.70	2.45	1,910
September 7 <sup>a</sup> ..	A. B. Larson.....	19	19	1.64	.37	31
October 31....	W. G. Swendsen.....	268	466	2.32	1.00	1,039

<sup>a</sup> 350 feet below regular station.

*Daily gage height.*

Day.	Jan.	Feb.
1.....	1.7	1.7
2.....	1.8	1.7
3.....	1.75	2.0
4.....	1.75	2.0
5.....	1.8	2.0
6.....	1.9	2.0
7.....	1.8	1.7
8.....	1.6	1.7
9.....	1.75	1.7
10.....	1.9	1.7
11.....	1.7	1.7
12.....	1.7	1.7
13.....	1.8	1.7
14.....	1.6	1.7
15.....	1.6	1.7
16.....	1.65	1.7
17.....	1.7	1.7
18.....	1.75	1.7
19.....	1.75	1.7
20.....	1.75	1.7
21.....	1.7	1.7
22.....	1.75	1.7
23.....	1.8	1.7
24.....	1.8	1.7
25.....	1.85	1.7
26.....	1.85	1.7
27.....	1.85	1.7
28.....	1.85	1.7
29.....	1.9	1.7
30.....	1.95	1.7
31.....	2.0	1.7

*Station rating table for*

Gage height.	Discharge.
Feet.	Second-feet.
-0.55	
-0.50	
-0.40	
-0.30	
-0.20	
-0.10	
.00	
.10	
.20	
.30	

NOTE.—The above measurements made at



# BEAR RIVER BASIN.

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Daily gage height, in feet, of Bear River near Collinston, Utah, for 1905.

Day.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.....	1.7	1.9	1.95	2.35	2.6	2.25	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	1.2	1.55	1.4
2.....	1.8	1.95	1.95	2.3	2.8	2.2	.1	.5	.5	1.2	1.55	1.45
3.....	1.75	2.0	2.0	2.2	3.1	2.1	.15	.5	.5	1.1	1.55	1.45
4.....	1.75	2.0	2.0	2.15	3.15	2.1	.....	.55	.5	1.1	1.55	1.45
5.....	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	3.0	2.05	.2	.55	.5	1.1	1.55	1.5
6.....	1.0	2.0	1.95	2.1	2.9	1.95	.2	.55	.5	1.1	1.55	1.45
7.....	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.75	1.8	.25	.55	.....	1.1	1.6	1.4
8.....	1.6	1.85	1.95	2.15	2.65	1.6	.25	.55	.4	1.15	1.6	1.3
9.....	1.75	1.8	1.95	2.2	2.6	1.4	.3	.55	.4	1.15	1.6	1.2
10.....	1.9	1.75	1.9	2.2	2.6	1.35	.3	.55	.4	1.2	1.6	1.1
11.....	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.6	1.3	.4	.55	.4	1.2	1.6	1.0
12.....	1.7	1.5	1.95	2.3	2.6	1.3	.4	.55	.35	1.2	1.6	1.0
13.....	1.8	1.3	2.0	2.25	2.6	1.35	.45	.5	.3	1.2	1.6	1.05
14.....	1.6	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.5	1.4	.45	.5	.3	1.25	1.55	1.05
15.....	1.6	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.4	.45	.5	.3	1.3	1.55	1.1
16.....	1.65	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.35	.5	.5	.3	1.3	1.55	1.1
17.....	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.3	.5	.5	.3	1.3	1.55	1.15
18.....	1.75	1.7	2.15	2.3	2.5	1.4	.5	.55	.3	1.35	1.55	1.15
19.....	1.75	1.7	2.25	2.4	2.8	1.4	.5	.55	.4	1.4	1.5	1.2
20.....	1.75	1.65	2.5	2.6	2.95	1.45	.5	.55	.4	1.45	1.5	1.25
21.....	1.7	1.65	2.4	2.6	3.0	1.45	.5	.55	.4	1.45	1.5	1.25
22.....	1.75	1.7	2.35	2.55	3.0	1.4	.5	.55	.4	1.4	1.45	1.2
23.....	1.8	1.7	2.35	2.55	2.9	1.35	.45	.55	.4	1.45	1.45	1.2
24.....	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.5	2.85	1.1	.45	.5	.35	1.5	1.45	1.25
25.....	1.85	1.9	2.4	2.45	2.8	.6	.45	.5	.3	1.5	1.45	.....
26.....	1.85	1.9	2.4	2.5	.....	.6	.45	.45	.3	1.5	1.45	1.3
27.....	1.85	1.9	2.5	2.55	.....	.55	.45	.45	.35	1.5	1.45	1.35
28.....	1.85	1.95	2.5	2.6	2.5	.55	.5	.5	.7	1.5	1.45	1.4
29.....	1.9	.....	2.5	2.6	2.55	.55	.5	.5	.65	1.5	1.5	1.45
30.....	1.95	.....	2.4	2.6	2.55	.5	.5	.5	.7	1.5	1.5	1.4
31.....	2.0	.....	2.4	.....	2.4	.....	.5	.5	.....	1.6	.....	1.35

Station rating table for Bear River near Collinston, Utah, from January 1 to December 31, 1905.

Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.
Feet.	Second feet.	Feet.	Second feet.	Feet.	Second feet.	Feet.	Second feet.
-0.55	10	0.40	266	1.40	868	2.40	1,850
-0.50	15	.50	310	1.50	950	2.50	1,960
-0.40	20	.60	356	1.60	1,035	2.60	2,075
-0.30	47	.70	406	1.70	1,125	2.70	2,190
-0.20	68	.80	460	1.80	1,220	2.80	2,310
-0.10	92	.90	518	1.90	1,320	2.90	2,435
.00	120	1.00	580	2.00	1,420	3.00	2,560
.10	152	1.10	646	2.10	1,525	3.10	2,690
.20	187	1.20	716	2.20	1,630	3.20	2,830
.30	225	1.30	790	2.30	1,740		

NOTE.—The above table is applicable only for open-channel conditions. It is based on discharge measurements made during 1904-05. It is well defined between gage heights 1.3 feet and 2.5 feet.

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Second-  
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1,195

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*Estimated monthly discharge of Bear River near Collinston, Utah, for 1905.*

[Drainage area, 6,000 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Total in acre-feet.	Run-off.	
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.		Second-feet per square mile.	Depth in inches.
January.....	1,420	1,035	1,199	73,720	0.200	0.231
February.....	1,420	790	1,199	66,590	.200	.208
March.....	1,960	1,320	1,605	98,690	.268	.309
April.....	2,075	1,525	1,800	107,100	.300	.335
May.....	2,760	1,850	2,201	135,300	.367	.423
June.....	1,685	310	895	53,260	.149	.166
July.....	120	15	36.4	2,238	.0061	.0070
August.....	22	10	13.0	779	.0022	.0025
September.....	406	15	158	9,402	.026	.029
October.....	1,035	646	806	49,560	.134	.154
November.....	1,035	909	976	58,080	.163	.182
December.....	950	580	767	47,160	.128	.148
The year.....	2,760	10	971	701,900	.160	2.17

NOTE.—Discharge interpolated on days when gage was not read. Discharge applied for open channel during winter months.

## LOGAN RIVER NEAR LOGAN, UTAH.

Logan River rises on the west slope of the Bear River Range, flows southwest, then northwest, and unites with Bear River near Benson, Utah. The entire basin is rough and rugged, the elevations ranging from 4,500 to 9,000 feet and the stream being confined largely to a steep and rough channel in a comparatively narrow canyon. The principal formation is a compact limestone, with little or no soil except near the summit of the range, where a thin layer supports quite extensive groves of fir and aspen. The lower reaches of the stream are practically barren of timber, except for a few scattered pine and mahogany trees and a rather thick growth of underbrush. A large amount of timber has been cut out and the area has been overgrazed by sheep and cattle. There are no flood basins or marshes in the region. Probably three-fourths of the precipitation in the basin is snow, the melting of which forms the chief source of supply for the spring and early summer flow; the late summer and winter flow is derived chiefly from springs, which are well distributed over the basin. In its upper course the stream has numerous small tributaries, all short and swift. Temple Fork and South Fork, which enter the river about 10 and 15 miles, respectively, above the gaging station, are perennial streams and furnish from one-third to one-fourth of the total flow. Blacksmith Fork comes in below the gaging station. There is no storage on the stream at present. The entire flow, after being utilized to furnish power at two electric plants near the mouth of the canyon, is used for irrigation.

A gaging station was established June 1, 1896, about 2 miles east of the city of Logan, near the mouth of the canyon. It was discontinued July 18, 1903, and reestablished April 13, 1904, at a point along the canyon road about 50 feet below the highway bridge, at the mouth of the canyon, 800 feet below the Hercules power house and about 1,000 feet above the old gaging station.

The channel is straight for about 150 feet above and 75 feet below the gaging section. The banks are of rock and soil, permanent, and sufficiently high to prevent overflow. The bed of the stream was originally of boulders and gravel, well cemented together, very rough, and of such shape that the stream was not well distributed. When the station was reestablished the channel was improved by removing large boulders and sufficient of the finer material to distribute the flow and render the bed comparatively smooth. During the

spring flood of 1904 a deep channel was cut about the original condition at all stages. velocity of from 3 to 7 feet per second, and the grade of the stream never freezed.

Discharge measurement cable is marked at 4-foot above the cable, for use of post, set in the west bank.

Observations are taken by Bacon, manager. The gage is at the upstream side drawn at the top by a horizontal line near the water edge. The gage is a plug, cemented in a lip point near the north side of the gage; elevation zero of gage; elevation of Railroad elevations, 4,500.

Information in regard to United States Geological

Description: Ann 18, iv, p. 334; 51, p. 411; 66, p. 118; Discharge: Ann 18, iv, p. 133, p. 246.

Discharge, monthly: Ann 18, p. 133, p. 248.

Discharge, yearly: Ann 20, p. 77; Gage heights: WS 11, p. 77; Hydrographs: Ann 19, iv, p. 182; Rating tables: Ann 18, iv, p. 148.

## Discharge.

Date.	
January 22....	W. G. S.
February 21.....	do..
March 21.....	do..
April 17.....	do..
June 5.....	do..
August 21.....	W. D. B.
August 24.....	do..
September 14....	W. G. S.
October 29.....	do..
November 26.....	do..



spring flood of 1904 a deposit of boulders and gravel was made at the section, reducing it to about the original conditions, but leaving a loose and probably shifting bed. There is but one channel at all stages. Discharge ranges from about 150 to 1,000 second-feet, with a velocity of from 3 to 7 feet per second. The depth is 1.5 to 3.5 feet. There are no dams or riffles and the grade of the stream is about uniform. Winter flow is affected but little by ice, as the stream never freezes over.

Discharge measurements are made by means of a cable and car of the regular form. The cable is marked at 4-foot intervals with red paint. A guy line is stretched about 25 feet above the cable, for use during high water. The initial point for soundings is a 4 by 4 inch post, set in the west bank and projecting about 4 feet above the ground.

Observations are taken by the Telluride Power Company, under the direction of E. P. Bacon, manager. The gage is of the vertical type, consisting of a 2 by 2½ inch steel rod, with the upstream side drawn to an edge. It is driven into the bed of the stream and is supported at the top by a horizontal 4 by 4 inch fir buried in the bank and fastened to a vertical post near the water edge. The bench mark is a United States Geological Survey standard metallic plug, cemented in a limestone ledge 250 feet N. about 30° W. of the cable, on a prominent point near the north side of a road leading to the power house; elevation, 24.85 feet above zero of gage; elevation above mean sea level, as determined from Oregon Short Line Railroad elevations, 4,502 feet.

Information in regard to this station is contained in the following publications of the United States Geological Survey (Ann=Annual Report; WS=Water-Supply Paper):

Description: Ann 18, iv, pp 316-317; 19, iv, p 433; 20, iv, p 462; 21, iv, p 397; WS 16, p 158; 28, p 146; 38, p 334; 51, p 411; 66, p 118; 85, pp 86-87; 100, p 137; 133, p 246.

Discharge: Ann 18, iv, p 317; WS 16, p 158; 28, p 153; 38, p 335; 51, p 411; 66, p 118; 85, p 87; 100, p 137; 133, p 246.

Discharge, monthly: Ann 18, iv, p 318; 19, iv, p 434; 20, iv, p 462; 21, iv, p 397; 22, iv, p 408; WS 75, p 192; 133, p 248.

Discharge, yearly: Ann 20, iv, p 60.

Gage heights: WS 11, p 77; 16, p 158; 28, p 150; 38, p 335; 51, p 412; 66, p 119; 100, p 138; 133, pp 247, 248.

Hydrographs: Ann 19, iv, p 434; 20, iv, p 463; 22, iv, p 409.

Rating tables: Ann 18, iv, p 318; 19, iv, p 433; WS 28, p 154; 39, p 453; 52, p 521; 66, p 176; 133, p 247.

*Discharge measurements of Logan River near Logan, Utah, in 1905.*

Date.	Hydrographer.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gage height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Square feet.	Feet per second.	Feet.	Second-feet.
January 22....	W. G. Swendsen.....	51	49	3.16	4.40	155
February 21....	do.....	50	49	3.26	4.45	160
March 21.....	do.....	51	52	2.57	4.40	134
April 17.....	do.....	51	58	3.02	4.50	175
June 5.....	do.....	57	109	5.86	5.61	637
August 21.....	W. D. Beers.....	52	56	2.79	4.55	155
August 24.....	do.....	39	59	2.53	4.48	149
September 14..	W. G. Swendsen.....	51	50	3.20	4.52	161
October 29.....	do.....	51	43	2.89	4.40	124
November 26...	do.....	51	42	3.02	4.37	126

\* Measured 300 feet below station.

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## STREAM MEASUREMENTS IN 1905, PART XII.

Daily gage height, in feet, of Logan River near Logan, Utah, for 1905.

Day.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.....	4.45	4.48	4.4	4.43	4.9	5.5	5.1	4.50	4.5	4.43	4.4	4.33
2.....	4.4	4.48	4.38	4.41	4.05	5.5	5.05	4.6	4.5	4.43	4.4	4.31
3.....	4.4	4.53	4.38	4.41	4.9	5.55	5.05	4.57	4.5	4.43	4.4	4.32
4.....	4.4	.....	4.4	4.41	4.85	5.55	5.05	4.57	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.31
5.....	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.41	4.75	5.57	5.0	4.57	4.52	4.4	4.4	4.25
6.....	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.7	5.58	4.95	4.57	4.52	4.4	4.4	4.25
7.....	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.75	5.45	4.9	4.57	4.53	4.4	4.4	4.25
8.....	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.45	4.8	5.5	4.85	4.57	4.5	4.42	4.4	4.25
9.....	4.4	4.4	4.42	4.48	4.85	5.5	4.8	4.57	4.48	4.45	4.4	4.25
10.....	4.4	4.4	4.42	4.46	4.75	5.5	4.75	4.56	4.48	4.45	4.4	4.27
11.....	4.4	4.4	4.42	4.5	4.8	5.5	4.7	4.56	4.48	4.45	4.4	4.33
12.....	4.35	4.25	.....	4.47	4.8	5.5	4.7	4.56	4.48	4.43	4.4	4.33
13.....	4.35	4.28	4.42	4.46	4.8	5.45	4.67	4.56	4.47	4.43	4.4	4.36
14.....	4.45	4.3	4.42	4.5	4.85	5.45	4.65	4.56	4.47	4.43	4.38	4.32
15.....	4.43	4.35	4.42	4.45	4.75	5.4	4.65	4.55	4.47	4.43	4.38	4.35
16.....	4.44	4.38	4.48	4.49	4.85	5.4	4.65	4.55	4.5	4.43	4.38	4.38
17.....	4.43	4.35	4.48	4.47	4.93	5.35	4.65	4.54	4.45	4.43	4.38	4.3
18.....	4.43	4.3	4.47	4.48	5.3	5.2	4.65	4.54	4.45	4.45	4.35	4.35
19.....	4.43	4.35	4.45	4.5	5.3	5.2	4.65	4.55	4.47	4.45	4.35	4.35
20.....	4.43	4.3	4.47	4.5	5.3	5.1	4.65	4.54	4.47	4.45	4.35	4.35
21.....	4.43	4.3	4.41	4.55	5.3	5.1	4.65	4.5	4.46	4.43	4.35	4.38
22.....	4.45	.....	4.45	4.55	5.25	5.07	4.65	4.54	4.45	4.43	4.33	4.38
23.....	4.45	4.38	4.4	4.65	5.25	5.1	4.65	4.5	4.45	4.42	4.35	4.33
24.....	4.47	4.4	4.45	4.65	5.2	5.1	4.65	4.48	4.45	4.42	4.35	4.35
25.....	4.45	4.38	4.43	4.65	5.25	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.48	4.42	4.35	4.35
26.....	4.45	4.3	.....	4.7	5.3	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.49	4.4	4.32	4.4
27.....	4.43	4.38	4.42	4.8	5.3	5.1	4.6	4.48	4.47	4.4	4.29	4.38
28.....	4.43	4.38	4.45	4.8	5.35	5.1	4.6	1.5	4.47	4.4	4.4	4.38
29.....	4.43	.....	4.45	4.75	5.3	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.47	4.4	4.38	4.38
30.....	4.43	.....	4.45	4.8	5.3	5.1	4.6	4.45	4.45	4.4	4.3	4.35
31.....	4.43	.....	4.45	.....	5.35	.....	4.6	4.5	.....	4.4	.....	4.38

NOTE.—Stream does not freeze at this point during winter months in sufficient amount to materially affect the rating.

Station rating table for Logan River near Logan, Utah, from April 25, 1904, to December 31, 1905.

Gage height	Discharge	Gage height	Discharge	Gage height	Discharge	Gage height	Discharge
Feet.	Second-feet.	Feet.	Second-feet.	Feet.	Second-feet.	Feet.	Second-feet.
4.30	109	5.00	350	5.70	675	6.40	1,052
4.40	136	5.10	394	5.80	726	6.50	1,108
4.50	164	5.20	438	5.90	779	6.60	1,164
4.60	195	5.30	483	6.00	833	6.70	1,222
4.70	230	5.40	529	6.10	887	6.80	1,280
4.80	268	5.50	577	6.20	941	6.90	1,338
4.90	308	5.60	625	6.30	996		

NOTE.—The above table is applicable only for open-channel conditions. It is based on 21 discharge measurements made during 1904-1905. It is fairly well defined between gage heights 4.4 feet and 6.25 feet.

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Estimated monthly discharge of Logan River near Logan, Utah, for 1905.

[Drainage area, 218 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Total in acre-feet.	Run-off.	
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.		Second-feet per square mile.	Depth in inches.
January.....	155	122	142	8,731	0.651	0.750
February.....	173	96	131	7,275	.601	.626
March.....	157	131	144	8,854	.661	.762
April.....	268	130	177	10,530	.812	.906
May.....	806	230	368	22,630	1.00	1.95
June.....	615	382	496	20,510	2.28	2.84
July.....	394	165	248	15,230	1.14	1.31
August.....	195	150	176	10,820	.807	.930
September.....	173	150	158	9,492	.725	.809
October.....	150	130	143	8,793	.656	.756
November.....	130	100	120	7,076	.592	.690
December.....	130	96	118	7,256	.541	.624
The year.....	615	96	292	146,700	.930	12.62

NOTE.—Discharge interpolated on days when gage was not read.

## BLACKSMITH FORK NEAR IYRUM, UTAH.

This stream rises on the western slope of the Bear River Range and flows southwest and then northwest into Logan River. The drainage basin of the tributary is in every way similar to that of the main stream. Only the flood and winter discharge, however, reaches the Logan, the entire spring and summer flow being used for irrigation on the tillable lands below the gaging station.

The gaging station was established July 10, 1900, near the tollgate in the mouth of the canyon near Iyrum, Utah, which is the nearest post-office. The station was discontinued December 31, 1902, and reestablished May 16, 1904, about 1,000 feet downstream from the tollgate and 800 feet above the Iyrum city electric-power plant. A station is also maintained at the power-plant race.

The channel is straight for 200 feet above and 50 feet below the station. The right bank for 20 feet back is a low, wooded flat, subject to overflow during extreme high water; beyond this point the bank is high and barren. The left bank is wooded and high and does not overflow. The bed of the stream is composed of bowlders and gravel and is somewhat rough, but apparently permanent, though a slight change seems to have occurred during December, 1904. During flood stages the velocity is high, ranging from 4 to 6 feet per second; under normal conditions it is 2 to 3 feet per second. The discharge varies from about 80 to 1,000 second-feet. Ice does not form in sufficient quantity to interfere with the results at any stage.

Discharge measurements are made by means of a cable and car of regular form. The cable is marked at 4-foot intervals with red paint. A guy line for use during high water is stretched across the stream about 30 feet above the cable. The initial point for soundings is the south post supporting the cable.

The gage, which is observed daily by Uriah Benson, a farmer living at the tollgate, is of the vertical type, and consists of a 2 by 2½ inch iron bar with the upstream side drawn to an edge, driven into the bed of the stream and supported by a horizontal piece buried in the bank. The gage is referred to bench marks as follows: (1) A United States Geological Survey standard metallic plug, set in a solid limestone ledge about 40 feet east of the north post supporting the cable; elevation above zero of gage, 17,875 feet. (2) Top of the eyebolt of the north anchor of the cable; elevation above zero of gage, 9,578 feet.

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3	4.4	4.32
1	4.4	4.31
1	4.4	4.25
1	4.4	4.25
1	4.4	4.25
12	4.4	4.25
15	4.4	4.25
15	4.4	4.27
15	4.4	4.33
13	4.4	4.33
13	4.4	4.36
13	4.38	4.32
13	4.38	4.35
13	4.38	4.38
13	4.38	4.3
15	4.35	4.35
15	4.35	4.38
15	4.35	4.35
13	4.35	4.38
13	4.33	4.38
12	4.35	4.33
12	4.35	4.35
12	4.35	4.35
4	4.32	4.4
4	4.29	4.38
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## STREAM MEASUREMENTS IN 1905, PART XII.

Information in regard to this station is contained in the following publications of the United States Geological Survey (Ann = Annual Report; WS = Water-Supply Paper):

Description: WS 51, p 412; 66, p 110; 85, p 84, 133; p 240.

Discharge: WS 51, p 412; 66, p 110; 85, p 85; 133, p 240.

Discharge, monthly: Ann 22, lv, p 409; WS 75, p 102; 85, p 80; 133, p 251.

Gage heights: WS 51, p 413; 66, p 120; 85, p 85; 133, p 250.

Hydrograph: Ann 22, lv, p 410.

Rating tables: WS 52, p 521; 66, p 176; 85, p 86; 133, p 250.

## Discharge measurements of Blacksmith Fork near Hyrum, Utah, in 1905.

Date.	Hydrographer.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gage height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Square feet.	Feet per second.	Feet.	Second-feet.
January 23.....	W. G. Swendsen.....	38	35	2.20	3.50	78
February 22.....	do.....	38	24	2.32	3.50	80
April 16.....	do.....	30	44	2.72	3.70	119
May 4.....	do.....	41	58	3.18	3.98	186
July 9.....	do.....	30	41	2.20	3.00	95
August 22.....	W. D. Beers.....	37	33	1.91	3.00	77
October 28.....	W. G. Swendsen.....	30	23	1.23	3.30	28
November 27.....	do.....	30	23	1.33	3.31	31

## Daily gage height, in feet, of Blacksmith Fork near Hyrum, Utah, for 1905.

Day.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.....	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
2.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
3.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
4.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
5.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
6.....	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
7.....	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
8.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
9.....	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.3
10.....	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
11.....	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
12.....	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
13.....	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
14.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
15.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
16.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
17.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
18.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
19.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
20.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
21.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
22.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
23.....	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
24.....	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
25.....	3.5	3.4	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
26.....	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
27.....	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
28.....	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
29.....	3.5	.....	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
30.....	3.5	.....	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.6	3.3	3.2
31.....	3.5	.....	3.6	.....	4.1	.....	3.6	4.8	.....	3.3	.....	3.3

NOTE.—Stream does not freeze at this point during the winter months in sufficient quantity to materially affect the rating.

## Station rating table for

Gage height.	Discharge.
Feet.	Second-feet.
3.40	6
3.50	8

NOTE.—The above table measurements made during

## Station rating table for

Gage height.	Discharge.
Feet.	Second-feet.
3.20	1
3.30	1
3.40	1
3.50	1
3.60	1

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Station rating table for Blacksmith Fork near Hyrum, Utah, from January 1 to July 31, 1905.

Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.
<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Second-feet.</i>	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Second-feet.</i>	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Second-feet.</i>	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Second-feet.</i>
3.40	64	3.00	98	3.80	140	4.00	190
3.50	80	3.70	118	3.90	164	4.10	216

NOTE.—The above table is applicable only for open-channel conditions. It is based on five discharge measurements made during January to July, 1905. It is well defined throughout.

Station rating table for Blacksmith Fork near Hyrum, Utah, from August 1 to December 31, 1906.

Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Gage height.	Discharge.
<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Second-feet.</i>	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Second-feet.</i>	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Second-feet.</i>	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Second-feet.</i>
3.20	18	3.70	94	4.10	180	4.50	304
3.30	20	3.80	115	4.20	216	4.60	336
3.40	42	3.90	138	4.30	244	4.70	369
3.50	57	4.00	163	4.40	273	4.80	402
3.60	75						

NOTE.—The above table is applicable only for open-channel conditions. It is based on three discharge measurements made during August to December, 1905, and the form of the 1904 curve. It is well defined between gage heights 3.2 feet and 4 feet.

*Estimated monthly discharge of Blacksmith Fork near Hyrum, Utah, for 1905.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Total in acre-feet.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	
January.....	80	64	70.0	4,858
February.....	80	64	75.4	4,188
March.....	98	80	85.2	5,239
April.....	100	98	132.	7,855
May.....	216	104	187.	11,609
June.....	216	118	181.	8,985
July.....	98	98	98.0	6,026
August.....	402	75	85.5	5,257
September.....	402	75	228.	12,570
October.....	75	29	61.1	3,757
November.....	29	29	20.0	1,726
December.....	29	18	20.2	1,611
The year.....	402	18	103	74,570

NOTE.—Above estimates do not represent total flow of river. See Blacksmith Fork power plant race (pp. 34-35).

BLACKSMITH FORK POWER PLANT RACE, NEAR HYRUM, UTAH.

This station was established May 18, 1904, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of water diverted around the regular gaging station at the tollgate and thus determining the total flow of the stream at that point. It is located about 600 feet below the canyon road from the tollgate at the mouth of the canyon, about 200 feet below the head of the canal or race, and about 500 feet south of the river station.

The channel is straight for 100 feet above and 200 feet below the station. Both banks are sufficiently high to prevent overflow. The bed of the stream is of gravel and is apparently permanent, except for probable slight changes near the edges. The depth varies from 2 to 3 feet and the velocity from 2 to 3 feet per second. Practically no ice forms in the channel at any time.

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Height.	Discharge.
feet.	Second-feet.
3.50	7
3.50	8
3.70	11
3.98	18
3.00	9
3.60	7
3.30	2
3.31	3

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Discharge measurements are made from a foot plank placed across the stream and fastened at the ends to pieces of timber buried in the bank. The plank is marked at 1-foot intervals. The initial point for soundings is the north end of the plank, marked zero.

The gage, daily readings of which are made by Uriah Benson, is a 2 by 2½ inch iron bar driven vertically into the bed of the stream, supported at the top by the plank from which the measurements are made, and graduated by means of punch holes. The bench mark is a point on a projecting rock on the southeast corner of a rock house about 400 feet northwest from the station. It is marked with red paint. Elevation above zero of gage, 8.845 feet.

A description of this station, gage height, and discharge data and rating table are contained in Water-Supply Paper No. 133 of the United States Geological Survey, pp. 251-253.

*Discharge measurements of Blacksmith Fork power plant race, near Hyrum, Utah, in 1905.*

Date.	Hydrographer.	Width.	Area of section.	Mean velocity.	Gage height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Square feet.	Feet per second.	Feet.	Second-feet.
January 23.....	W. G. Swendsen.....	12.0	23	2.55	4.50	58
October 28.....	do.....	13.5	28	3.02	4.90	83

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Blacksmith Fork power plant race near Hyrum, Utah, for 1905.*

Day.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.....	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.9
2.....	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.9
3.....	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.9
4.....	4.45	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.9
5.....	4.45	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.9
6.....	4.45	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.9
7.....	4.45	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.9
8.....	4.45	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.9
9.....	4.45	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.9
10.....	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.9
11.....	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.5
12.....	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.5
13.....	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.5
14.....	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	.....	4.4	4.9	4.6
15.....	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.7
16.....	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.6
17.....	4.5	4.45	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.6
18.....	4.5	4.45	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.5
19.....	4.5	4.45	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.5
20.....	4.5	4.45	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.5
21.....	4.5	4.45	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.6
22.....	4.5	4.45	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.6
23.....	4.5	4.45	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.7
24.....	4.5	4.45	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.7
25.....	4.5	4.45	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.7
26.....	4.5	4.45	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.8
27.....	4.5	4.45	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.8
28.....	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.8
29.....	4.5	.....	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.8
30.....	4.5	.....	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.8
31.....	4.5	.....	4.5	.....	4.6	.....	4.6	.....	.....	4.9	.....	4.8

NOTE.—Flow not materially affected by ice conditions.

Station rating tabl

Gage height.	Discharge.
Feet.	Second-feet.
4.30	
4.40	

NOTE.—The above charge measurements

Estimated monthly

January.....
February.....
March.....
April.....
May.....
June.....
July.....
August 1-30.....
September 1-30.....
October.....
November.....
December.....

The year...

Weber River course northwest

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